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Impeached again

10 GOP congressmen join historic 2nd impeachment of Trump

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK, JONATHAN LEMIRE and ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a "clear and present danger" if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20. Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, was among those Republican supporters of impeachment. Upton said Tuesday that Trump crossed a line and then expressed no regrets for what occurred at the Capitol.

Trump is the only U.S. president to be twice impeached. It was the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in modern times, more so than against Bill Clinton in 1998.

The Capitol insurrection stunned and angered lawmakers, who were sent scrambling for safety as the mob descended, and it revealed the fragility of the nation's history of peaceful transfers of power. The riot also forced a reckoning among some Republicans, who have stood by Trump throughout his presidency and largely allowed him to spread false attacks against the integrity of the 2020 election.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invoked Abraham Lincoln and the Bible, imploring lawmakers to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign "and domestic."

She said of Trump: "He must go, he is a clear and present danger to the nation that we all love."

Holed up at the White House, watching the proceedings on TV, Trump later

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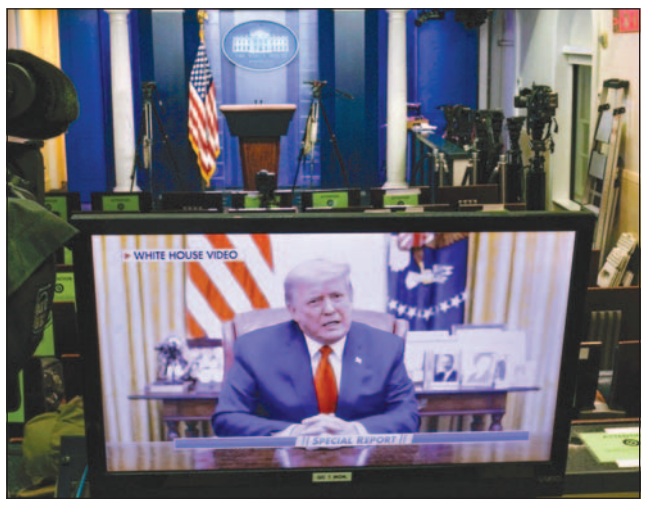

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A video released by the White House is shown on a television monitor in an empty press briefing room at the White House, after the U.S. House impeached him on Wednesday. The pre-recorded video was being broadcast by Fox News.

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Czar's 505, in downtown St. Joseph, has been temporarily closed since mid-March. Owner Tom Jennings said he's biding his time, hoping the day comes soon when live music can return to indoor venues such as Czar's.

'I'm hanging in there'

Czar's coming up on a year with no live music

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's been 10 months since live music has been heard inside Czar's 505, and the length of the hiatus is not lost on Tom Jennings.

Jennings, who opened the music club in 1992, shut the doors to the downtown St. Jospeh establishment on a temporary basis in mid-March with the hope that state restrictions would soon be lifted.

But Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Wednesday announced an extension to the statewide dine-in ban, while saying she is hopeful those restrictions can be lifted by Feb. 1, with capacity limits. Nightclubs remain among the sectors with dim prospects to reopen soon.

"My plan is to reopen as soon as it becomes practical," Jennings said. "This is kind of a weird situation because I'm a part owner of the building. What else am I going to do with this space in the building? Is someone going to run an office here? No. In the 29 years we've been here, 2020 has been a black spot."

Czar's has been known for its live music and retro atmosphere for nearly three decades, but Jennings lamented that he's had to get creative in keeping the music scene going in town.

Jennings said he helped coordinate some of the live music outside Sandbar & Grille in St. Joseph over the summer, from July through October this past year.

"We did outdoor entertainment when the restaurants

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Whitmer: Michigan restaurants likely can offer dining Feb. 1

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Wednesday she hopes to let restaurants reopen for indoor dining on Feb. 1, as her health department extended a two-month ban by an additional two weeks while letting non-contact sports resume this weekend.

The plan is to allow dining with mitigation measures, capacity limits and a curfew. Organized non-contact sports and group exercise classes can start Saturday.

"Our numbers have been headed in the right direction," the Democratic said during a news conference while noting a recent slight uptick in the percent of tests coming back positive. "The pause that (the state) issued is working."

Michigan, which had one of the country's lowest per-capita rates of new cases over the past two weeks, is among just a few states to allow no indoor restaurant dining and is the only one without a detailed plan on how and when reopening can occur, according to the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association.

"The governor's continuation of this pause without a plan – now expanding to 75 days – is without parallel in the nation in terms of its unwillingness or inability to provide leadership to a decimated industry and its workforce," said president and CEO Justin Winslow.

The state is expected to release details on the reopening next week, including mitigation steps such as reducing the number of people in restaurants and improving ventilation.

Republican lawmakers who have been critical of the order said restaurants should be able to open when they are ready. House Speaker Jason Wentworth called Feb. 1 "an arbitrary date." Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey said "overreach by the governor has crippled an entire industry and peripheral supply chain businesses."

Whitmer, as she has before, said indoor restaurant dining is inherently riskier because people mix households and remove their masks to eat and drink.

"We've got a date. We can work toward that with the industry to make sure that we can keep their patrons and their employees safe as they open," she said.

Since the Whitmer administration closed restaurants and bars, effective Nov. 18,

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Benton Harbor hopes to bring groundskeeping work in house

Issues with cemetery administration remain

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Changes are expected to be announced before spring on how the grounds will be maintained at Benton Harbor's two cemeteries and hundreds of city-owned lots.

City Commissioner Ron Singleton said he is part of a subcommittee working on a plan to bring those services in-house under the public works department, just like the city did with garbage pick-up this past fall.

"I think we're close to getting things worked out," said Singleton, who spearheaded efforts to have the city take over picking up garbage after the contract with Wecycle Industrial Sanitation expired last October. "There's a couple of plans on the table."

He said the city spent too much money last year on grass cutting at the city's cemeteries and over 400 lots, which the city acquired years ago through foreclosure before the rules were changed. Foreclosed on properties now are handled by counties.

Last May, city commissioners approved contracting with five local people to handle lawn care for all city-owned lots and parks through Oct. 31, 2020. They were Jack Campbell, Antonio Hadley, Cody Jenkins, Alvin Bridgewater and Robert Caldwell. Amounts paid to the different parties varied considerably.

A review of city records shows that the city paid at least $233,000 for cutting the grass on city-owned lots and for some tree work. Another $20,000 was paid for the grounds maintenance of the city's two cemeteries – Crystal Springs and Morton Hill.

This doesn't include $15,000 that Lisa Varrie, chairperson of the city's cemetery board, said is owed to C Management for maintaining the grounds at Crystal Springs in June, July and August of last year. She spoke Tuesday at the cemetery board's regular meeting.

She said the contractor hired by the city charged almost $20,000 to cut the grass once in May, and said the cemetery board had nothing to do with that contract.

When contacted after the cemetery board meeting, Singleton said it's taking a while to undo the damage done by two consecutive emergency managers and a receivership board, while the city was under state control from April 2010 through July 1, 2017.

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Flint families welcome water crisis charges, seek healing

By KAT STAFFORD, MIKE HOUSEHOLDER and COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

FLINT — Flint mother Ariana Hawk struggled to find words. Bittersweet came to mind, as did frustrated.

"I literally could have cried," said Hawk, sitting in her car after learning Tuesday that former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and others in his administration were expected to be charged in a water crisis blamed with causing learning disabilities in scores of children and other medical problems among adults in the majority Black city about 60 miles northwest of Detroit.

Late Wednesday, Snyder was charged with two counts of willful neglect of duty.

Hawk's son, Sincere Smith, was 2 years old when she noticed something wasn't right with the family's tap water. Sometimes the water they drank and used for cooking and bathing was discolored. More concerning was when it gushed out brown.

It wasn't just her home, but all across the former manufacturing hub that for decades had turned out some of the best cars and trucks produced by U.S. automakers.

Residents had been complaining about the discolored discharge as early as 2014 after the financially strapped city – while under state oversight – switched from water pumped from Detroit to the Flint River to save money.

State and some city officials insisted the water was safe to use – until a group of doctors in September 2015 urged Flint to change its water source after finding high levels of lead in children's blood.

The water, it turned out, had not been treated to reduce corrosion – causing the toxic metal to leach from old pipes and spoil the distribution system used by nearly 100,000 residents. The water also was blamed for a deadly outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in the Flint area.

In the Hawk household, rashes had started to spread over her son's body. He became inconsolable when she bathed him. The boy's pediatrician pointed to the city's water as the cause.

Sincere would become the face of the Flint water crisis when a photo of him was selected in 2016 for the cover of Time magazine.

Seven years after the water was first switched, Snyder, his health director and other ex-officials have been told they're being charged in a crisis that has been highlighted as an example of environmental injustice and racism. Two people with knowledge of the planned prosecution told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the attorney general's office has informed defense lawyers about indictments in Flint and told them to expect initial court appearances soon. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Prosecutors have scheduled a news conference for Thursday.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
10-14-18-21-37-39
Poker Lotto
KH-QS-8C-6H-4S
Midday Daily 3
2-9-5
Midday Daily 4
2-7-4-9
Daily 3
1-6-9
Daily 4
5-0-4-3
Fantasy 5
09-21-24-27-35
Keno
01-03-09-15-18-27-33-37-38-42-45-48-50-51-53-58-61-64-66-68-69-73
Mega Millions jackpot
$750 million
Powerball jackpot
$550 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
12-14-26-28-33, Mega Ball: 9, Megaplier: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
06-17-19-28-40
Cash4Life
28-32-40-41-44, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
03-07-13-19-20-23-25-26-29-32-37-38-40-44-51-56-58-62-68-71, BE: 29
Daily Three-Midday
2-2-9, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
7-2-6, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
5-4-6-3, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
4-4-3-4, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
01-03-13-20-22-24-27-34-39-43-46-52-55-56-58-69-74-75-78-80, BE: 80
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-07-17-19-36
Pick Three-Midday
7-4-6, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
3-9-1, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
7-4-5-5, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
0-8-0-1, Fireball: 5
Lucky Day Lotto
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A day of historic impeachment, a Capitol as armed encampment

By KEVIN FREKING and ANDREW TAYLOR
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Troops hold inside the Capitol Visitor's Center to reinforce security at the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday. The House of Representatives is pursuing an article of impeachment against President Donald Trump for his role in inciting an angry mob to storm the Capitol last week.

WASHINGTON — The scene in the U.S. Capitol seemed jarringly disconnected. Inside the House chamber, the nation's lawmakers spoke with solemnity about democracy, the rule of law and the words of Abraham Lincoln as they undertook a vote to remove the president from office.

They wore masks, a rule imposed by Democrats, as a measure of the pandemic that continues to ravage the country.

But only steps away, outside the chamber doors, there was the look of an armed encampment.

The House impeachment of President Donald Trump for inciting an insurrection on the home of the branch of government created in Article I of the Constitution contained arresting reminders of the violence and death wrought just a week ago and the fears that the Capitol needed enhanced protection to prevent it from happening again.

Where visitors once walked, hundreds of National Guard members camped out, protecting lawmakers still reeling from last week's violence and preparing for the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

The Capitol grounds were wrapped in seven-foot fences, and scores of other law enforcement officers and troops kept a watchful eye.

A replica of the dome that stands atop the Capitol, the Statue of Freedom, resides in the Capitol's visitor center. Beneath it, soldiers slept on marble floors while others huddled to discuss their marching orders for the day.

They massed together from one end of the giant hall to the other and their numbers made it impossible to follow the signs calling for social distancing. To protect from COVID, they wore masks, and to protect from potential violence, they stockpiled riot shields and gas masks.

Republican Rep. Brian Mast of Florida, a military veteran who lost both legs in the war in Afghanistan, was shocked at the sight and that so many soldiers were deemed necessary to keep the Capitol safe.

"It's as sad as anything can make me in this world," Mast said as he gave some of them a tour.

The Capitol always sees stepped-up security precautions leading up to an inauguration, but it rarely looks like the nation is on a war footing.

But along with the signs of fear, there were also signs of gratefulness for those protecting the Capitol. A tunnel leading to House office buildings has become a makeshift tribute to members of law enforcement who protected the Capitol when a violent mob overran the building in an attempt to derail the certification of Electoral College votes in the presidential election. More than 50 police officers were injured in the attack, including 15 who were hospitalized. One was killed.

"Thank you for keeping my mommy safe," said a poster with smiley faces and stars and signed by "Clair Age 8."

The thank you signs poured in from all ranks and political parties, including a letter from the office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "We would not be here without you," said another poster signed "thank you from AOC," the initials for Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D.-N.Y.

Outside of the Capitol, members of the National Guard – many carrying semi-automatic assault rifles – are supplementing the work of the U.S. Capitol Police, forming perimeters around each of the office buildings that lawmakers and their staffs use when not in the Capitol for votes. The number of entrances into the buildings has been dramatically diminished and those approaching must present a credential to get in.

The tensions were also apparent inside the House chamber. Beginning Tuesday, lawmakers had to walk through a metal detector before being allowed to enter the chamber. Members of Congress have previously enjoyed nearly free range at the Capitol, able to bypass security screening stations at most entrances to the building. In the House chamber, there have been Capitol Police officers and civilian door monitors but no screening stations. Reporters had to do the same to enter the galleries above the chamber.

IN BRIEF

COVID-19 numbers hold steady Wednesday

Berrien County recorded 47 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, as well as 65 new recoveries.

No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, Berrien County is down to about 1,428 active cases. That's compared to 1,681 last Wednesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland reported having 43 COVID-19 patients Wednesday morning. That's steady with the 40 patients reported last Wednesday.

Lakeland and Berrien County Health Department officials will do a Facebook Live event at 1 p.m. today on the Spectrum Health Lakeland Facebook Page @SpectrumHealth Lakeland to update the community on its vaccination efforts and COVID-19 in Berrien County.

As of Monday, Berrien County had administered 3,223 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, Cass County had administered 456 doses, and Van Buren County had administered 1,948 doses.

Van Buren County recorded 22 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, while Cass County recorded 27. No new deaths were reported in either county.

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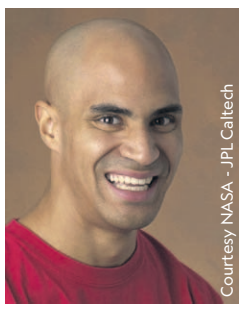
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How close are we to discovering life on other planets? NASA's Perseverance rover is due to land on Mars in 2021 to search for signs of ancient life and collect rock and soil samples for possible return to Earth. Jupiter's moon Europa is home to a vast subsurface ocean—a body of water that could sustain primitive forms of life on this alien world nearly 600 million miles from our planet. Join planetary scientist and astrobiologist Kevin Peter Hand and NASA engineer Kobie Boykins for the latest intriguing updates on this vast frontier of exploration.

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SH Visitors Bureau to begin search for new director

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — The search is on to find a replacement for South Haven/Van Buren County Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Scott Reinert, who plans to retire at the end of May.

The bureau's board of directors has announced it will begin accepting applications Jan. 18 and will continue to accept them until Feb. 12. Information about the job can be found online at www.southhaven.org/director.

"Scott's retirement timing of May of 2021 gives us plenty of time to ensure we hire the best candidate for the position and have an appropriate transition timeframe with Scott and his team," said John Marple, president of the bureau's board of director.

The bureau hopes to hire a new director by early May to provide for a smooth transition once Reinert retires.

"I am very proud of the work our team has completed over the past five years to position the South Haven area as a premier travel destination," Reinert said. "I'm excited that the new director will have a strong foundation to build from in the coming years."

Although Reinert plans to retire at the end of May, he will continue to serve the bureau part-time, according to Marple.

"In addition to leading our successful marketing efforts, Scott has led many community enhancement initiatives that will benefit our community, so providing future continuity in those areas is a win-win," Marple said.

Reinert said he plans stay on as a part-time employee through at least the end of 2021, and potentially longer.

The pandemic has negatively affected the tourism industry throughout the country, but the economic blow was cushioned somewhat in the South Haven area, due to visitors choosing to vacation closer to home and choosing destinations, like South Haven, that offered plenty of outdoor activities.

"Our destination proved to be attractive to visitors despite broader travel restrictions put in place," Marple said. "Our area recovered much more strongly than many larger communities, and most area businesses were able to survive the challenges. We know we hosted many first-time travelers to the area – which we are confident will translate to return visitation in future years."

NICE DAY TO WALK

Don Campbell / HP staff

Walkers take advantage of Wednesday's 40-degree temperatures as they hike along the John & Dede Howard Family Recreation Path in St. Joseph.

Jeff Curry takes over as chairman of LMC board

New officers selected by trustees

By HP STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College's Board of Trustees has selected a new slate of officers for the upcoming academic year.

At this week's board meeting, Jeff Curry was named the new board chairman, with John Grover as vice chairman, Mary Jo Tomasini as secretary and Joan Smith as treasurer. Debra Johnson, Vicki Burghdoff, and Michael Lindley remain trustees at large.

Curry, the former vice chairman who was first appointed to the board in 2016, succeeds Johnson – the previous chairwoman of the LMC board.

"I cannot say enough about Debra's leadership during her tenure, particularly during an unprecedented 2020," Curry said. "Her expertise and leadership during this pandemic shaped how quickly we were able to respond to COVID-19, with an unwavering goal of always putting the wellbeing and education of our students first. It's no small task, but I hope to follow the example she set."

Curry, a veteran of both the finance and transportation industries, has a long history with LMC.

He is a past president of the Lake Michigan College Foundation. His wife, Diane, is an LMC graduate and previous recipient of the college's Distinguished Alumni Award. Both of their daughters, Jenny and Megan, are also LMC alumni.

The board consists of seven members elected at large from the community college district at the state's general elections.

Members are elected for six-year terms of office, staggered so that two or three terms expire every two years.

Johnson and Tomasini retained their seats in the November election, while Burghdoff was elected to the board for the first time.

Burghdoff has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling and personnel. The Coloma resident previously served on the workforce development board for Berrien, Branch and Calhoun counties.

Coloma cemetery board to seek extra funds in new budget

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma Township and Coloma city's joint cemetery board will soon ask for about $38,000 more for its budget.

Bryan Duffield, a township trustee who chairs the cemetery board, told the Coloma Township Board on Wednesday night that the cemetery board hasn't ask for more money in its budget in 13 years.

"Revenues have declined a little over the last couple of years. That's not the fault of anything we've done wrong, or nothing we really can do to improve, it's just the nature of the times we're in," he said.

Duffield said budget amendments have fixed budget gaps so far, along with depleting about $6,000 from the cemetery's savings account each year.

"We looked at it and there's nothing (in our expenses) that's gravy or extra," he said.

He said the cemetery board has projected having about $104,000 in expenses this year, which is on-track with the last couple of years.

The joint cemetery agreement calls for an 80/20 percent split between the city and township, so the township would need to contribute about $30,000 more to the budget and the city would need to contribute about $8,000 more.

"I feel responsible for it because we should have been asking for these increases because of all we went through with (having to raise sewer rates)," he said. "It's not going to happen going forward, but it has happened and it's how we got to where we're at."

Duffield said plot rates don't need to increase because they're about the same as other area municipal cemetery rates, and with the amount of burials they do each year, it wouldn't be that beneficial to revenues.

He said he brought the topic up Wednesday night so trustees could brainstorm any other fixes for the budget shortfall, and so that a more concrete plan can be presented at next month's meeting.

Trustee Jim Fulton said a small millage increase could be a way to raise the needed funds, but agreed the funds needed to be found.

The new budget would need to be approved by both the city commission and the township board.

In other business, Duffield, who also sits on the township's Parks and Recreation committee, said that since the township didn't receive any Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants late last year, the committee is going to have to explore other funding options for improving Washington School Park.

The top priority for improvements is adding restrooms. Duffield said they may need to reapply for grants this year.

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Van Buren State Park adds 17 acres under new pact with state

DNR assumes management of parcel under 25-year lease

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Van Buren State Park will be larger thanks to an agreement hammered out between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Van Buren County Board of Commissioners.

Van Buren County officials have approved a 25-year lease with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to expand Van Buren State Park's footprint to include the Northpoint Conservation Area located in South Haven Township, according to a West Michigan Tourist Association news release.

The 17-acre parcel, just north of the state park in South Haven Township, has been owned and maintained by the county for the past several years.

Northpoint, which is largely wooded, contains a number of hiking trails that lead from the preserve's entrance to Lake Michigan. The trails are popular for bird watchers and are open year-round.

The new arrangement will place day-to-day management with the DNR.

"We're excited to formally connect both parcels of public land through this unique partnership with the DNR," said Richard Godfrey, chairman of the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, in the release. "Because the DNR already manages the adjoining land, we determined that establishing common management would best ensure that the fragile, critical dune land is preserved and remains accessible to the public."

HP file photo

The 17-acre parcel north of Van Buren State Park is being added to the park under an agreement between Van Buren County and the state Department of Natural Resources.

By acquiring Northpoint, the state park's mile-long shoreline along Lake Michigan will expand by 340 feet.

The state park is home to high dune formations, a modern campground, woodland trails and a day-use area. The park's most prominent natural features are its sandy beach, forested dunes, interdunal wetlands and diverse vegetation.

"This is a great opportunity to partner with Van Buren County," said Matt Metzger, supervisor for Van Buren State Park. "We look forward to playing an active role in management of such a unique piece of land and helping make it a special place for visitors to enjoy for years to come."

While much will remain the same, visitors can expect to see new site signage, revised hours of operation, and more consistency among land use rules and the requirement for the Recreation Passport between both parcels. Parking along Ruggles Road will now require a Recreation Passport.

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Social media crackdown is risky

Kathleen Parker

We've come a long way from the days when social media was largely viewed as a positive development that boosted access and participation in the realm of mass communications. Anyone and everyone could have a voice and access to an audience.

President Donald Trump recognized the value of being able to reach his base without the filter of the mainstream media – that is, without fact-checkers, follow-up questions or editorial comments. Until recently, when Twitter began qualifying his tweets with explanatory notes, the various platforms served him well.

So much for all that. In the wake of last week's breach of the U.S. Capitol, these social media titans have shut down the president of the United States.

Both Twitter and Facebook have blocked Trump indefinitely. Amazon, which owns the gaming streaming site Twitch, disabled Trump's channel indefinitely. Meanwhile, Apple and Amazon have dropped Parler, a platform similar to Twitter but without the moderating interference of third-party moderators and editorial boards. (Amazon chief executive Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

In some respects – and surely to millions of people fed up with Trump – these censorial actions come as a relief. Not only were some of his postings intentionally misleading but many were potentially dangerous. Some would say demonstrably so. His repeated claims to have won the 2020 election and that the election was "stolen" from him may not have directly caused the riots that resulted in five people's deaths, but they can't be considered unrelated either.

We know enough about Donald Trump to know that he needs the spotlight, no matter the context. A riot may be a bad thing for the country, but it feels like a good thing if you're a sore loser with an insatiable appetite for attention and an attraction to chaos. Trump's encouragement of the protesters, and a false promise to march down Pennsylvania Avenue with them, wasn't exactly throwing sand on a fire.

Call me crazy, but isn't it better to know what Trump is thinking – and what his minions are plotting – than to force them into hiding? Blocking their conversation from the public square is about as effective as plugging your ears and singing tra-la-la-la-la-la-la. I've always viewed social media like the insect world: Just because you can't see or hear them doesn't mean they're not busy.

Thus, when we force the insurgency underground, we don't eliminate it. We merely condemn its members to the shadows where resentment festers and morphs into even darker shades of anger and hatred. I'd rather endure annoying tweets and hostile insults than not know who my enemies are or what they're planning next. Effectively, we eliminate some of our best intelligence about groups' plans to arm themselves and descend on every state capitol on Inauguration Day.

Nor does the absence of social media disarm anyone. During the 1960s civil-rights and anti-war movements, millions of people converged in cities cross the country without the aid of cellphones and laptops. Does anyone really think that the people behind last week's jackass rodeo can't pull it off again without Twitter or Facebook?

In times of uncivil discourse, it may make us feel virtuous to separate ourselves from society's coarser elements. It may seem entirely fair to uninvite people who abuse basic rules of decorum or have no devotion to objective truth.

One could even argue that Twitter and Facebook are providing a valuable public service by blocking objectionable, seditionist speech – an act of responsible citizenship that isn't the same as when government imposes limitations to suppress individual liberty.

Admittedly, giant social media companies can often seem like quasi-governmental entities by virtue of their power to decide which speech is acceptable – or that serves their own political purposes. This, too, is troubling.

But more troubling is this likely truth: Trump will leave the White House on Jan. 20. But having raised more than $200 million since the election, he won't be silenced for long. Nor is his base going away. Not all of them were part of the fracas, we should remind ourselves. Thus, the better part of prudence, it seems, would be to invite everyone out into the open and let them talk. It can't hurt to listen – and I hate surprises.

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'Let 'em up easy'?

Leonard Pitts

On April 4, 1865, Abraham Lincoln went to Richmond.

With the Civil War all but won, the president wanted to tour the rebel capital. There, he met a Union general who asked how the conquered city should be treated. "If I were in your place, I'd let 'em up easy,"' said Lincoln. "Let 'em up easy."

This was in concordance with his desire to, as he'd said in his second inaugural address, "bind up the nation's wounds." That magnanimity was not reciprocated, though. Ten days later, one of those Lincoln wished to let up easy shot him in the head.

But his generosity of spirit toward the traitors outlived him. The commanding general of the rebel army was never imprisoned or tried. The "president" of the rebel states did spend two years in prison, but then was released. He, too, was never tried. Meantime, the rebels themselves never stopped seeking to win as a practical matter what they had lost on the battlefield – the right to subjugate African-American people.

All that to say, "Let 'em up" – a policy of profound benevolence, to be certain – has its limitations. And even its dangers. That's worth keeping in mind as we grapple with the second most serious act of insurrection in American history – last week's deadly storming of the Capitol building by disaffected supporters of Donald Trump.

While Lincoln, who had confronted the most serious such act in U.S. history, wanted to "Let 'em up," many Trump supporters have embraced a similar cry: Let him off. This, as the House prepares to make Trump, who exhorted the mob to violence, the first president to be impeached twice.

"We need to get America back on a path towards unity," says Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. "Impeachment would be a major step backward," says Sen. Lindsey Graham. "It's kicking when he's down," complains Rep. Darrell Issa, who calls Trump's sedition a "misstep." Numerous conservative pundits argue that impeaching Trump would only inflame the 74 million people who voted for him.

As if that was calm deliberation they displayed at the Capitol. The brazen gall of Trump's enablers even at this late date, defies exaggeration. Particularly Issa, who, with zero evidence of malfeasance, crusaded a few years back to smear former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton with the tragedy of Benghazi. Surely, when these people go walking by, one hears a faint clanking sound, as of brass striking brass.

"Let 'em up easy," said Lincoln once upon a time. And we did. So easy that no stench of shame now attaches to an act of insurrection that left 750,000 Americans dead. To the contrary, almost 16 decades later, a Trump supporter felt empowered to march through the very Capitol building of the United States, hoisting the filthy battle flag of the rebel cause.

The point is not that mercy and reconciliation are bad. They are not. But to have meaning, mercy and reconciliation must follow repentance and accountability. Otherwise, they are meaningless, a Band-Aid on a cancer, acts of moral onanism that feel good but produce nothing of lasting value.

Does anyone sense repentance and accountability from Trump or his followers? Not even close. So let's not be distracted by disingenuous moral appeals.

The world is watching. It must see every single rioter who can be identified prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law. And it must see Trump held to answer for his crimes, must see him punished – or else let us never again hold ourselves up as a beacon of democracy or a nation of laws. We let 'em up easy once before and we're still dealing with the repercussions.

Let's not make the same mistake again.

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LETTERS

Abuse of power requires strong consequences

Editor,

I'm listening to all the voices debating about the "best" way to respond to Donald Trump's laying the groundwork for and then directly inciting his mob's attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The reactions keep prompting flashbacks to some of my most dreaded experiences as a psychotherapist, incidents involving abuse of "power," incidents of domestic violence. I'm reminded of a pattern in which an abuser, usually a person with low self-esteem, an impulse control problem, and a frequent tendency to feel "disrespected," behaves in increasingly hurtful ways.

Expert at shifting blame to others and hosting unrealistic expectations of perpetual affirmation or adulation, the abuser keeps their partner in an anxious state of uncertainty. When the abuse mushrooms into an alarming incident, there is often a chilling, silent aftermath. Those who have been victimized are relieved that the violence has stopped, relieved to have survived. They are often tempted to just "get past this," not stir up any more trouble.

Sometimes the abuser, fearful in the aftermath that he/she may have gone too far this time and there may be negative consequences, finally behaves in some of the calmer, more reasonable ways that the partner has been longing for.

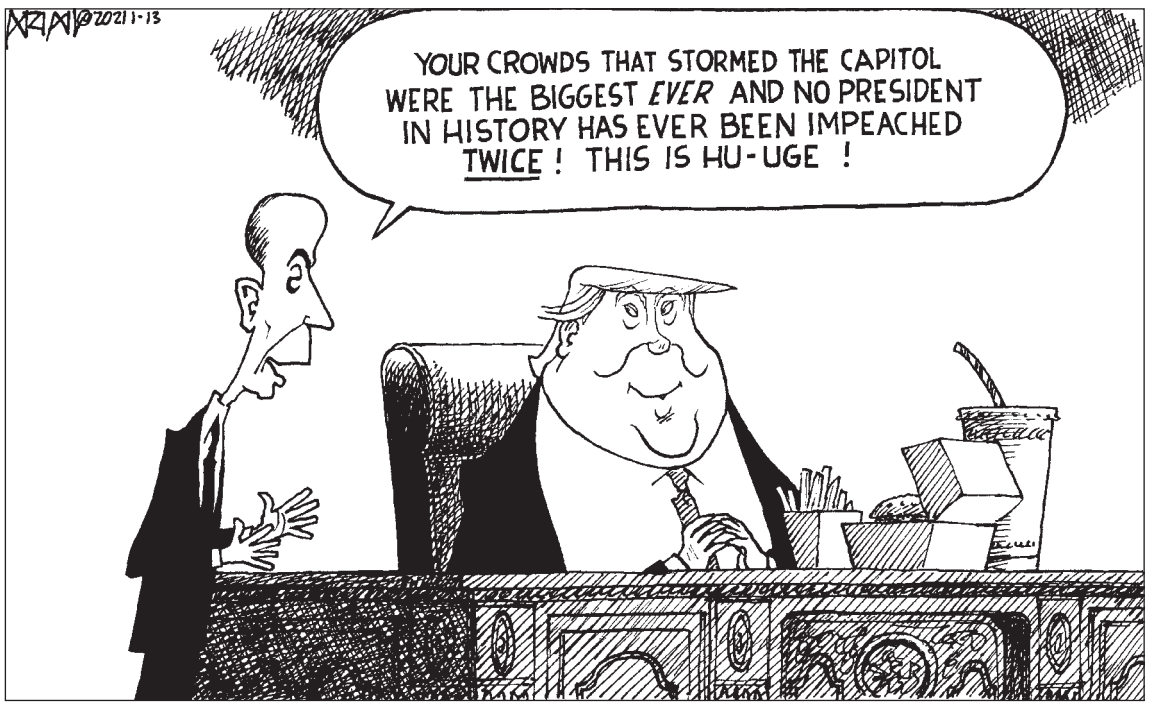
The abuser may say the right words. There may be promises of peaceful tomorrows. And this is a partial explanation for why there are so rarely immediate, direct, appropriate consequences for outrageous, hurtful, destructive behaviors.

What I have learned through the years is that the promises don't hold. The peace is short-lived. And if the abuser doesn't own their wrongdoing and seek help, there's no chance of change for the better. In fact, if there are no significant consequences, they are more likely to act out again in even more malevolent ways.

I think these recollections fuel my feeling that regardless of Trump's scripted change of tone, he must be held accountable for his most recent, most dramatic abuse of power.

The Congress cannot afford to "ride out" Donald Trump's remaining days in office. The time to act is now.

Sandy Feldman
Lakeside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A crazy impeachment

Byron York

Democrats started trying to remove President Donald Trump from office before he entered office. Now they are proposing to remove him from office after he leaves office.

How do you remove an ex-president? He's already gone. That is the bizarre question posed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's obsessive quest to re-impeach Trump with just a few days left in his term. Why impeach the president now, when there is not enough time for the Senate to hold a trial and pass judgment on the case before Trump's term expires on Wednesday, Jan. 20?

Some argue that the Constitution permits the impeachment of a former president. It has never happened in U.S. history, and the question has never been adjudicated. So there is no way to say with 100 percent confidence what the answer is.

But J. Michael Luttig, a former judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, makes a convincing case that no, it is not constitutional to impeach a former president.

"The crux of my argument is that the very purpose of the impeachment power is to remove an incumbent official," Luttig said in an interview. "That seems to me to be crystal clear and inescapably true under the text of the Constitution itself." Speaking of the text of the Constitution, these are the relevant portions concerning impeachment:

"The president, vice president and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors ...

"The House of Representatives ... shall have the sole power of impeachment ...

"The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the chief justice shall preside: And no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

"Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States: but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law."

The plain meaning of these passages is that impeachment, in the case of a president, is designed to remove that president from office. A secondary purpose is to disqualify a removed president from ever holding federal office again.

"It's the impeachment that is the authority for the disqualification," Luttig said. And a former president, by definition, cannot be removed from office. And, by the way, the Constitution specifically lays out the way to deal with wrongdoing once the president is out of office: He will be "liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law."

So the Constitution clearly says how presidential wrongdoing should be addressed, both when the president is in office and when he is out of office.

But some Democrats are claiming that they can start impeachment now, when President Trump is in office, and finish it with a Senate trial that takes place, or at least finishes, after the president has left office on Jan. 20. Rep. James Clyburn, the third-ranking Democrat in the House, even suggested that, after passing impeachment articles, the House might hold on to them until President Biden has a chance to enact his 100-day agenda in Congress, and only then send the impeachment to the Senate for trial. At that point, Donald Trump will have been an ex-president for more than three months.

It's not clear whether Clyburn's path will be taken, or whether Democrats will pursue some other course. But there is no doubt they are determined to impeach the president again, even though there will not be time for the Senate to hold a trial with any semblance of due process for the president. (For instance, there are real issues surrounding the Democratic charge that he "incited" the rioters who attacked the Capitol last Wednesday.) So given all that, what can the president do?

The most important thing he can do is take the question to court. There is a serious constitutional issue involved in a post-presidential impeachment, and Luttig expects the president's lawyers to take the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. I asked him whether the judges there might, as judges often do, seek to stay out of it, deferring to the legislative branch with the argument that it is an issue for Congress, and not the judiciary, to decide.

"I don't think so, because it's a constitutional question," Luttig said. "It would be one of the biggest constitutional questions in American history."

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Michigan's first day of legislature gets off on a tense note

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
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Report for America

LANSING — The new legislative session in Michigan began Wednesday with political tensions high over the attack on the U.S. Capitol, the certification of the presidential election and continued coronavirus restrictions.

Since the Jan. 6 riot in Washington, D.C., by supporters of President Donald Trump, the FBI has warned of plans by radicals to attack statehouses nationwide, including in Michigan, which on Monday banned open carry of firearms inside the building.

New House Speaker Jason Wentworth said during a news conference that he denounces violence but supports the people's First Amendment right to peaceful protest.

House Minority Leader Rep. Donna Lasinski recently wrote to Wentworth asking him to discipline and not seat 18 Republican legislators who rejected the legitimacy of the presidential election, saying they had stoked the fires of violence. Wentworth said that although he doesn't agree with Lasinski, he would continue to have conversations across the aisle.

Democrats in the Senate also tore into their Republican colleagues over the lack of disciplinary action taken against legislators who tried to legitimize false claims of fraud in the election, as well as those who promoted violent rhetoric that led to the insurrection.

Democrat Sen. Mallory McMorrow said validating the president's lie that the election was stolen opens the door to validating the lies and conspiracy theories of QAnon and rhetoric that leads to violence.

"If we validate that lie. If we say that the election was stolen. Then it validates the reality for people that the government is actually run by a Satanist cabal of pedophiles. That Donald Trump is the only one who is sent from God to stop that and that the election was stolen from him," McMorrow said. "They don't care if we're Democrats or Republicans, they will overthrow the government to save Donald Trump."

Republican state Sens. John Bizon, Tom Barrett, Kim LaSata, Roger Victory, Dale Zorn, Lana Theis, Kevin Daley, Dan Lauwers, Curtis Vanderwall and Jim Runestad signed a letter in early January to Congress and the Vice President to investigate fraud in the election. Their Democratic counterparts introduced resolutions to condemn and recognize false claims of election fraud and those who signed the letter as contributors to violence.

Earlier, Wentworth suggested that more could be done to hold elected officials accountable for their missteps.

"Anything that improves the transparency and accountability of government is on the table," he said.

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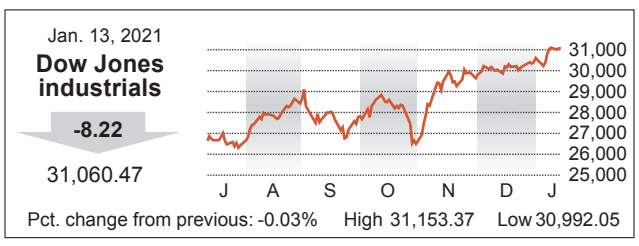

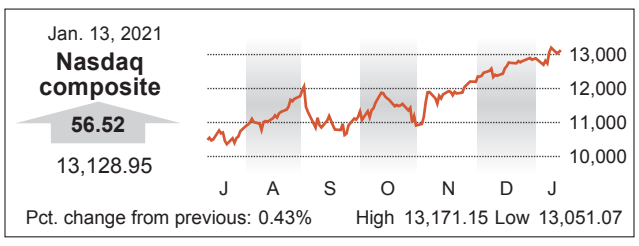

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OBITUARIES

Florence Cooks

March 30, 1951 – Dec. 30, 2020

Florence (Hankins) Cooks, 69, was born on March 30, 1951, in Batesville, Miss., to the union of Marie (Duie) and Elliot Hankins.

Florence received her high school diploma from South Panola High School in 1969.

In 1971, she relocated with her family to Benton Harbor. Shortly after arriving in Benton Harbor, she met the love of her life, Henry Cooks Jr.

In 2001, Florence began diligently seeking the Lord and joined Martin Temple C.O.G.I.C under the leadership of Pastor Philander J. Martin. There, she became the Founding Mother and served for nearly 20 years.

Mother Cooks departed this life Dec. 30, 2020. Left to cherish her memories are her daughters: Marie (Arthur) Kelly, and Nicole Hankins of Benton Harbor; sons: Dwan (Rose) Hankins, Lamont Hankins, Marco Hankins, Christopher Cooks, and Henry T. Cooks; a special cousin, Charles Willis, all of Benton Harbor; a nephew, Ricky Bowens of Grenada, Miss.; 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Marie and Elliot Hankins; husband, Henry Cooks Jr.; brother, James A. Hankins; sister, Lillie (Hankins) Williams; son, Adrian Hankins; and grandsons: Devell L. Hankins, and Harold Johnson.

Homegoing services will be Friday, Jan. 15, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, 204 S. Fair Ave., Benton Harbor, with visitation services beginning at 10 a.m. followed by services at 11 a.m.

Those wishing to sign the guest book may do so at robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Grant Gondrezick

Jan. 19, 1963 – Jan. 7, 2021

Grant William "Gondo" Gondrezick, 57, of Stevensville passed away Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at his home.

Grant was born on Jan. 19, 1963, in Boulder, Colo., to George and Eunice (Myhre) Gondrezick. Grant spent his entire childhood in Boulder and grew up with his 12 siblings: Barb, Gary, Nancy, Greg, Ginny, Gordy, Glen, George, Patty, Mary Kay, Kathy and Gale.

Grant attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School from 1st through 9th grades, where he was on the basketball team from 5th-9th grade in the Denver Catholic League where was noted as one of the best players in the league. Throughout his childhood Grant was also involved in Little League baseball and one of the leaders on the Little League championship team.

He graduated from Boulder High School in 1981 and was a starter on the varsity squad since his sophomore year. To this day he is considered one of the best basketball players to hail from Colorado.

Grant was a highly touted Street and Smith's All-American, accepting a scholarship with Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. During his collegiate career with the Pepperdine Waves from 1982-86, he had an illustrious career, scoring almost 1,000 points and three NCAA berths; his jersey #3 is retired. He graduated with a B.S. degree in physical education.

In 1986, Grant was drafted in the second round of the NBA by the Phoenix Suns, playing two years. After playing for a season in Caen, France, he returned to the states and played for the Los Angeles Clippers. He continued his professional career internationally for nine years, playing in Belgium, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Limoges, France, and Germany, to name a few. He still holds numerous international records during his outstanding tenure of play. He was named league MVP three times, and graced nine European League covers, L'Equipe. "Gondo" reigns supreme in all of Europe!

In 1993, Grant met Felicia (Lisa) Harvey, the love of his life. Each of their footprints completed the other. They married in 1995 in Benton Harbor. Traveling the world abroad during Grant's international career, they settled and resided in Houston, for 12 years. His occupation was a sports performance trainer for many professional athletes, as well as collegiate and high school student-athletes, as well. He and Lisa gave birth to three amazingly beautiful and smart children: Kalabrya LeBrae, Kysre Rae, and Grant Kalon-Louis Gondrezick II. Each was his soul-bearing heartbeat. The adoration and unconditional love he emitted into the universe regarding his children is beyond containment. The global universe could feel the pulse of his life as he echoed about his children and family; his imprint is forever embedded.

His journey to Benton Harbor rooted his services as a head varsity basketball coach at Covert, and Countryside, while also coaching the BHHS freshman girls team, as well. In addition, he worked for Benton Harbor Area Schools, previously, as an In-House Suspension Coordinator and Security. His accolades are many, but the teachings of his passionate instructional development have been mastered by all he taught. He was a community advocate for every cause that benefitted youth and education. Grant was benevolent in his membership at Refreshing Fountains, proactive in every campaign of the church, especially food drive and sports recreation initiatives. He supported the RAC sports performance development for youth, as well.

Grant William Gondrezick will always be inscribed in each of our hearts as a soldier always combatting the ills that plague youth's humanity. His heart was platinum, generous to every interaction that was in sync to his gym's heartbeat. He will forever be remembered as a "Refreshing Fountain" that showered love, compassion, and relentless energy as a friend, citizen, teammate, coach, brother, son, husband, and most of all FATHER!

Grant is survived by his daughters: Kalabrya and Kysre, and his son Grant II; his former wife, Lisa Harvey; his siblings: Barbara Pulver, Nancy Gondrezick, Greg Gondrezick, Ginny Elliston, Gordy Gondrezick, George Gondrezick, Patty Clemans, Mary Kay Gondrezick, Kathy Gondrezick, and Gale Gondrezick; and his beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: George and Eunice Gondrezick; infant sister, Elizabeth Ann; brothers: Gary and Glen; and nephew, Kelly Elliston.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, at Refreshing Fountains Church, 175 S. Euclid Ave., Benton Harbor. A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask memorials be given to Berrien Community Foundation Renaissance Athletic Club Youth Sport Performance Program in memory of Grant Gondrezick, at www.berrien community.org, or Genesis Outreach Development, P.O. Box 8750, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Those wishing to share a memory of Grant online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Patricia A. Arkauskas, 68, of Bangor died Jan. 12, 2021, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Clark Chapel & Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Arlington Briggs, 85, of Niles died Jan. 6, 2021. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Karen Bock, 61, of Stevensville died Jan. 13, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Thomas S. Cline, 76, of Dowagiac died Jan. 10, 2021, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Clark Chapel, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Florence (Hankins) Cooks, 69, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 30, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Grant William Gondrezick, 57, of Stevensville died Jan. 7, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Denise M. James, 55, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 8, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Annie B. Reynolds, 90, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 7, 2021, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Mrs. Correen Wilburn, 69, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 4, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Rose G. Zehner, 77, of Niles died Jan. 11, 2021. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Correen Wilburn

Jan. 19, 1951 – Jan. 4, 2021

Mrs. Correen Wilburn transitioned to glory on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Correen Wilburn was born on Jan. 19, 1951, in Brooksville, Miss. She is the daughter of Addie Mae and Willie Brewer. She confessed to Christ at an early age at the mourners' bench in Brooksville.

She was united in marriage to Alvin Wilburn on March 22, 1983, in Benton Harbor.

Correen retired from Meijer in Benton Harbor after 22 years of service. Prior to and after retirement Correen was an avid daycare provider. She was a faithful member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Benton Harbor for 38 years.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories son, Alvin Brewer; daughter, Tereatha Monique Brewer; and grandson, Austin Brewer-McBride.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Addie Mae and Willie Brewer; husband, Alvin Wilburn; sister, Mattie Mae Gray; and niece, Michelle D. Gund.

Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 15, at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, a strolling visitation will be held one hour prior to the services from 11 a.m. to noon. A limit of 15 people will be allowed in the main sanctuary at a time. Guests will have to remain outside the building so there is no gathering in the hall or lobby.

The funeral service will begin at noon and will be limited to immediate family and invited friends.

Jermyn Edward Dolan

Dec. 20, 1938 – Jan. 11, 2021

Jermyn Edward Dolan, 82, of Sawyer passed away Jan. 10, 2021.

He was born to the late Bennet Dolan and Frances Grimm on Dec. 20, 1938, in Chicago.

On Sept. 3, 1960, he married Elsie Weikel and together they had three children.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Dolan; son, Jerry (Jackie) Dolan; daughters: Sandra Dolan, Mary Dolan; brother, Ben Dolan; sister, Celeste Warda; grandchildren: Michael (Lisa) Dolan, Lynn Dolan, Brandon (Madison) Scott, Sam (Emily) Jablonowski; great-grandchildren: Lily Dolan, Micah Scott.

He is preceded in death by parents: Bennet and Frances Dolan.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no memorial service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Annie Belor Reynolds

April 23, 1930 – Jan. 7, 2021

Annie Belor Reynolds, 90, was born on April 23, 1930, to the late Laytha Richardson and Pearl Gilmore in Opelika, Ala. Annie transitioned, Jan. 7, 2021, at home in the company of her loved ones.

Annie was a member of Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for over 60 years, starting under the leadership of the late Rev. Daniel E Cook. She was a faithful tither and usher alongside her dear friend Ruth until her illness. Annie was a cook and health care aid for many years.

Annie is preceded in death by her husband of over 55 years, Limmie Lee Reynolds Sr. She will forever be remembered in the hearts of her loving children; her son, Limmie Lee (Cynthia) Reynolds Jr.; daughters: Kathy Rawls, Doris Hendrix, Donna Reynolds, and Jeanette Reynolds; daughter-in-law, Rosie Reynolds; brother, Layfayette Richardson of Detroit; sister, Pearl Dykes of Buffalo; 25 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Also preceded in death by her son, Curtis Reynolds; daughter-in-law, Grace Reynolds; great-grandson Tre'Von Edwards; parents: Laytha Richardson and Pearl Gilmore; brothers: Jack Jr., Dennis and Forrest; and sisters: Fannie May, Lorrine, Louise, Adell and Inell.

Homegoing services will be Friday, Jan. 15, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. followed by services at 11 a.m. at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 245 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Those wishing to sign the guest book may go to robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

The Wednesday story on A1 about Congressman Fred Upton's decision to favor impeachment contained an incorrect timeline of President Donald Trump's first impeachment in the House, which occurred in late 2019.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

Lakeshore Junior High School is on its way to becoming Lakeshore Middle School. The Lakeshore Board of Education on Monday approved a recommendation by Superintendent Gary Campbell to begin the process of making the change. The change will start with the sixth grade class this fall and continue with each entering class until the change is complete.

1986 – 35 years ago

An eight-week series of classes on stress management will be offered at Pawating Hospital in Niles beginning Feb. 5. Class members will learn what stress is and how it affects an individual; what role diet and exercise play in managing stress; identifying individual stress points and what to do to effectively manage them; and techniques useful to reducing stress levels. Participants will begin to develop their own personal action plan for managing stress.

1971 – 50 years ago

Lisbeth Lee, 17, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lee of St. Joseph, has won first place in the Seventh District finals of the National Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She now advances to a state contest in Lansing later this month. The contest with a theme of "Freedom – Our Heritage" requires students to write patriotic speeches and record them on tapes. Judging is then done from the tapes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2021. There are 351 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 14, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

On this date:

In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

In 1858, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, and his wife, Empress Eugenie, escaped an assassination attempt led by Italian revolutionary Felice Orsini, who was later captured and executed.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" – a view Wallace later repudiated.

In 1964, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.

In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Chance Rain & Snow	Rain & Snow Possible	Scattered Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy
38°	32°	36° / 28°	35° / 27°	32° / 25°	31° / 24°

Local Outlook

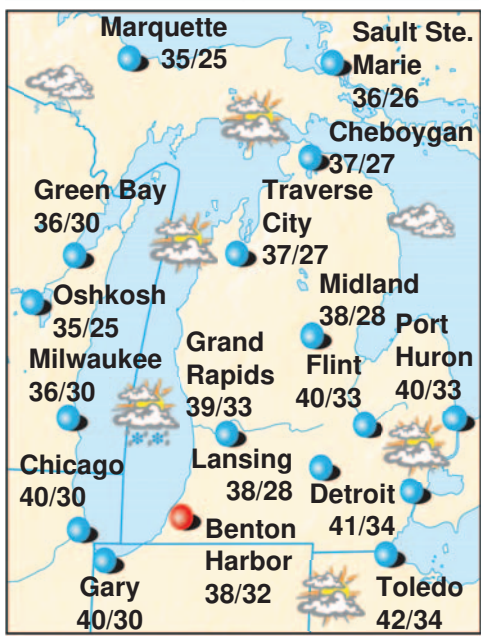
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 84%. South southeast wind 8 to 14 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:11 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:38 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:35 a.m.
Moonset ..... 7:17 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
1/20	1/28	2/4	2/11

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	42°
Low	30°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	52° in 2005
Record Low	-3° in 2009

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.76"
Normal for month	0.70"
Year to date	0.76"
Normal Year to date	0.70"

Air Quality

Yesterday 75
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

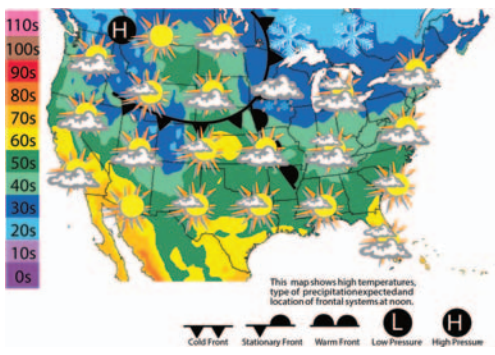
Weather Trivia

Does lightning strike from the sky to the ground or vice versa?

Answer: Lightning strikes from sky to ground and also from ground to sky.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 14, 2021



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 11 to 15 kt, with gusts as high as 22 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 42 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 15 to 18 kt. A chance of showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 30s. East southeast wind 2 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with scattered snow showers, highs in the 30s. East southeast wind 7 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 8 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. South wind 6 to 11 mph.

DINING

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it has let high schools resume in-person instruction and has allowed entertainment businesses to reopen with restrictions. State officials are watching three key COVID-19 metrics.

Over nearly two months, the statewide seven-day case average is down to 3,349, from 6,687. The positivity rate is 8.2 percent, a drop from 9.8 percent, according to The COVID Tracking Project. About 12 percent of hospital beds had virus patients, a decrease from about 20 percent in early December.

Indoor residential gatherings remain limited to no more than 10 people and two households. Masks also are required in many settings. Night clubs, strip club and water parks are still closed.

Robert Gordon, director of the state Department of Health and Human Services, said his order has prevented thousands of infections and saved hundreds of lives, but he recognized its toll, particularly in the winter. Again allowing group fitness classes and indoor athletics with distancing and masks, he said, will support physical and mental health.

Youth practices will be allowed in gyms, but not competitive games that involve contact.

CZAR'S

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Photo provided

Tom Jennings stands in front of the mural of musicians at his club, Czar's 505. The club has been open since 1992.

were allowed to reopen in June," he said. "We started in July and set up a patio and we put up an outdoor stage and everything. But I don't think there's a plan at this point for doing that again."

With no bookings or customers passing through the doors, Jennings said Czar's hasn't produced a dime in revenue since March.

"It's been a huge adjustment. There have been very few gigs since the pandemic began," said Jennings, who has only been to a handful of live performances this year. "This is being felt by every music venue. We're being buried in a mountain of debt."

Jennings bought the club in 1989, but didn't open the music club until 1992 after a series of renovations.

Once he did get the club up and running in the lower level of the 505 Building on Pleasant Street, Jennings never looked back.

Since its opening, Czar's has offered a wide variety of musical styles from alternative rock to reggae music. The club has brought in national acts, including Duke Tumatoe, Maria Muldaur, Bernard Allison, W.C. Clark and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown.

"It's probably up at the top," Jennings said, when asked where he would rank Czar's among his various business ventures. "It's hard to say. It's like asking me, 'Do I like football or baseball more.'"

Jennings said he is not to the point of having to close Czar's for good.

During the pandemic, Jennings said he's found joy in spending time with his children, and has used the down time to reorganize.

"All I can say is stay tuned. We have every intention of reopening," Jennings said. "I don't do Czar's to make money. I'm a huge fan of live music. I'm not happy about it (Czar's being closed), but I'm trying to work on other things. I'm hanging in there and hoping for the best."

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IMPEACHMENT

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J. Scott Applewhite

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., gavels in the final vote of the impeachment of President Donald Trump, for his role in inciting an angry mob to storm the Congress last week, at the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday.

released a video statement in which he made no mention at all of the impeachment but appealed to his supporters to refrain from any further violence or disruption of Biden's inauguration.

"Like all of you, I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity at the Capitol last week," he said, his first condemnation of the attack. He appealed for unity "to move forward" and said, "Mob violence goes against everything I believe in and everything our movement stands for. ... No true supporter of mine could ever disrespect law enforcement."

Trump was first impeached by the House in December 2019 over his dealings with Ukraine, but the Senate voted in 2020 acquit. He is the first president to be impeached twice. None has been convicted by the Senate, but Republicans said Wednesday that could change in the rapidly shifting political environment as officeholders, donors, big business and others peel away from the defeated president.

The soonest Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell would start an impeachment trial is next Tuesday, the day before Trump is already set to leave the White House, McConnell's office said. The legislation is also intended to prevent Trump from ever running again.

McConnell believes Trump committed impeachable offenses and considers the Democrats' impeachment drive an opportunity to reduce the divisive, chaotic president's hold on the GOP, a Republican strategist told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

McConnell told major donors over the weekend that he was through with Trump, said the strategist, who demanded anonymity to describe McConnell's conversations.

In a note to colleagues Wednesday, McConnell said he had "not made a final decision on how I will vote."

Unlike his first time, Trump faces this impeachment as a weakened leader, having lost his own reelection as well as the Senate Republican majority.

Even Trump ally Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, shifted his position and said Wednesday the president bears responsibility for the horrifying day at the Capitol.

In making a case for the "high crimes and misdemeanors" demanded in the Constitution, the four-page impeachment resolution approved Wednesday relies on Trump's own incendiary rhetoric and the falsehoods he spread about Biden's election victory, including at a rally near the White House on the day of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

A Capitol Police officer died from injuries suffered in the riot, and police shot and killed a woman during the siege. Three other people died in what authorities said were medical emergencies. The riot delayed the tally of Electoral College votes that was the last step in finalizing Biden's victory.

The 10 Republican lawmakers supporting impeachment included third-ranking House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming.

Cheney, whose father is the former Republican vice president, said of Trump's actions summoning the mob that "there has never been a greater betrayal by a President" of his office.

Trump was said to be livid with perceived disloyalty from McConnell and Cheney.

With the team around Trump hollowed out and his Twitter account silenced by the social media company, the president was deeply frustrated that he could not hit back, according to White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing who weren't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

From the White House, Trump leaned on Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina to push Republican senators to resist, while chief of staff Mark Meadows called some of his former colleagues on Capitol Hill.

The president's sturdy popularity with the GOP lawmakers' constituents still had some sway, and most House Republicans voted not to impeach.

Security was exceptionally tight at the Capitol, with tall fences around the complex. Metal-detector screenings were required for lawmakers entering the House chamber, where a week earlier lawmakers huddled inside as police, guns drawn, barricade the door from rioters.

"We are debating this historic measure at a crime scene," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass.

CEMETERY

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"There's a whole lot of pieces of the puzzle that we're slowly putting back together," he said. "People are starting to see good things happening, with the garbage situation straightened out and the city streets being done in the neighborhoods. We have large projects going. Getting there was the tough part. We've just got to keep the momentum going."

He said he joined the cemetery board meeting, which was virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, near the end, but didn't speak.

During the meeting, Varrie said City Manager Ellis Mitchell still hasn't told the board how much money is in the board's bank account, or even what bank the money is kept in. She said that information is needed so they know how much money they have to work with when they send out notices looking for a new cemetery manager.

Mitchell said he would get board members the information they requested by next week. But Varrie said he's been telling them that since last summer, and they haven't received anything.

Mitchell was unavailable for comment after the meeting.

Bert Edquist, who owns C Management, signed a 20-year agreement negotiated by then-Emergency Manager Tony Saunders II to manage the cemeteries. In it, Edquist agreed to buy the existing cemetery equipment for $100,000 and to pay a one-time $25,000 management fee. Edquist took over managing the cemetery on Oct. 1, 2013.

After Edquist stepped down from managing the cemeteries last March, he agreed to continue to handle burials at Crystal Springs on a month-to-month basis as long as he has no legal liability if someone is buried in a spot that is owned by someone else. He said he later agreed to maintain the grounds for $5,000 a month but stopped last fall after he wasn't getting paid.

Edquist said his biggest concern is that because of the confusing records he inherited at Crystal Springs, his company and the city have already been sued in one wrongful burial case and another one is pending. The problem, he said, is that people bought plots before he took over management, but there are no records of some of the purchases in the cemetery's office. The agreement he signs stipulates that he is not responsible for problems caused by decisions made before he took over.

Edquist said a recent $8,000 settlement was paid in the court case by his and the city's insurance companies. In his almost 30 years in the cemetery business, he said he's never been sued, before.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said during the meeting that he appreciates C Management burying loved ones while a new manager is being sought. He said he also appreciates cemetery board members trying to sort out the mess that they didn't create.

Varrie was elected as the board chair in February 2020, shortly after she joined the board.

"We came into a hole that was already dug," she said. "We didn't dig it."

Singleton said one of the problems is that while city commissioners approve the people who sit on the cemetery board, the board is separate from the city, due to a 1994 court ruling. That ruling by a Berrien County judge ordered the city not to interfere with cemetery affairs, indefinitely.

He said an agreement is going to have to be worked out between the cemetery board and city commission so the city can help.

A special cemetery board meeting will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 26, where Varrie said she hopes board members will receive the financial information they have been requesting.

Morton Hill Cemetery is 2.78 acres and is fully developed. Crystal Springs Cemetery is 120 acres, with only 65 acres developed.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Michigan hires Hart as running back mentor

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan has hired former running back Mike Hart to be the program's running back mentor.

The Wolverines announced the move Wednesday. Hart is Michigan's career rushing leader, and he was the running backs coach at Indiana for the past four seasons.

Hart was a 2018 nominee for the Broyles Award, which goes to the nation's top assistant.

"Michigan has always held a special place in my heart," Hart said.

Lions complete GM interview with Holmes

ALLEN PARK (AP) — The Detroit Lions completed a second interview with Brad Holmes for their general manager vacancy.

Holmes is a college scouting director for the Los Angeles Rams.

The Lions are trying to fill two major openings – coach and general manager. They've interviewed Holmes, Rick Smith, Scott Pioli, Thomas Dimitroff, Louis Riddick, Jeff Ireland, Ed Dodds, Terry Fontenot, Kyle O'Brien, Lance Newmark, Rob Lohman and George Paton for the GM job.

They've interviewed Marvin Lewis, Robert Saleh, Eric Bieniemy, Dan Campbell, Arthur Smith and Darrell Bevell for the coaching position.

The team announced the second interview with Holmes on Wednesday.

COVID-19 concerns cancel MSU game

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State's basketball game at No. 5 Iowa on Thursday night has been postponed because of COVID-19 issues with the Spartans.

Michigan State center Mady Sissoko and guard Steven Izzo have tested positive, and the school said there was an additional positive test Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm really disappointed, but it just goes to prove that this can affect anyone," coach Tom Izzo said. "I feel so comfortable that me, my son and my players did everything possible and followed every protocol as best we could. I'm really, really impressed with the way they have conducted themselves. This virus does not discriminate and I can't emphasize enough how important it is to wear a mask, wash your hands and follow protocols."

Harden to Brooklyn part of massive 4-team trade

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — James Harden is heading to Brooklyn, joining old teammate Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving to give the Nets a potent trio of the some of the NBA's highest scorers.

The Nets agreed to acquire the three-time scoring champion from the Houston Rockets on Wednesday in a move he has sought for weeks, said a person with knowledge of the situation.

Harden is the centerpiece of a four-team deal that also involves Indiana and Cleveland, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Once the deal is completed, the Nets will be able to trot out a lineup of three players capable of scoring 25 or more points on any night in a collection of firepower to rival any Big Three in recent years.

Winter sports face yet another delay

MHSAA pushes back start date for basketball, other contact sports to Feb. 1

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

With high school basketball season delayed yet again by COVID-19 restrictions, the same question is on the minds of a few area coaches.

What makes basketball practice less safe than gym class?

The MHSAA announced on Wednesday that contact winter sports – basketball, wrestling, ice hockey and competitive cheer – won't be able to begin competition until Feb. 1. The start date was previously set for Jan. 22. Teams may begin non-contact practice on Saturday.

It's the latest in a long string of delays, which have caused plenty of confusion.

"We have five hours a day of physical education classes," Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder said. "They're doing typical high school sports. How is it OK for them to do things? Does the virus magically reappear at 2:40? It doesn't make sense to me, and I'm a big believer that it's safe to be in school."

Ken Dietz, Watervliet athletic director and girls basketball coach, shared those sentiments.

"It doesn't make sense how they can put 30 or 40 kids in a gym class but they won't let us have 12 at basketball practice," Dietz said.

Non-contact sports may begin competition sooner – boys swimming and diving on Jan. 22, with bowling and gymnastics to follow on Jan. 25. Winter tournaments, which were slated to conclude by the end of March as usual, will now be pushed back, although exact dates have not been set.

The MHSAA's decisions were based on an updated epidemic order announced Wednesday by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"We are glad to have three more sports join skiing in returning to full activity, but we understand the disappointment and frustration on the part of our athletes and coaches whose sports are not yet able to restart completely," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a news release. "We will continue to adjust schedules to provide all of our winter teams as substantial an experience this season as possible, as part of our greater plan this school year to play all three seasons to conclusion.

"We have shown with our remaining fall sports this month that our schools can participate safely, and we're confident teams will continue to take all the appropriate precautions as we jump back into indoor winter activities."

Dietz, a former member of the MHSAA Representative Council, sympathizes with the difficult position the organization is in.

"It's not for a lack of effort on the MHSAA's part," he said. "I know the people that they talk to. It's not that they're not trying."

Basketball teams will likely be busy if and when play resumes. Schedules posted on school athletic websites had at or near the usual 20 regular-season games, often with three games per week.

Even with the latest delay, there is enthusiasm about the chance to resume practices this weekend.

"We're excited to get going Saturday," Schroeder said. "It's been 10 months since we've done a whole lot.

"I'm hoping that we at least get some type of season in. If the tournament has to go into April, so be it."

Dietz said that his basketball players even showed up in large numbers for four days of outdoor conditioning in 30-degree weather.

"I think the biggest thing as a coach is trying to keep your kids engaged and positive, because it's all about them," Dietz said.

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Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy walks on the sideline in the first half of Sunday's game against New Orleans.

Bears plan to keep Nagy, Pace for at least one more season

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

Charles Rex Arbogast

Chicago Bears general manager Ryan Pace walks the field before an game against the Green Bay Packers on Sept. 5, 2019. The Bears head into the offseason with some big issues to address after going 8-8 for the second year in a row.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chairman George McCaskey insisted the Chicago Bears have the right culture to become a winning franchise. So the team is sticking with general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy for at least another season.

What helped convince him to stay the course rather than make sweeping changes? A six-game losing streak – and how the team responded to it.

"The leadership, the collaboration, the adaptability, the ability to handle adversity," McCaskey said. "Listen, we all want things to get better, and a lot of times you have to go through tough times before they get better. The way they handled success in 2018 and the way they've handled adversity the last two seasons lead us to the conclusion that they're the best people to lead us in 2021."

The decision might not be popular in Chicago, where the Bears are coming off back-to-back 8-8 seasons after winning the NFC North at 12-4 in 2018.

They bounced back from that six-game losing streak – their worst since 2002 – to make the playoffs for the second time in three years, albeit as the seventh and final seed in an expanded field. The Bears then got knocked out by New Orleans in their wild-card matchup on Sunday, giving them eight losses in their final 11 games, counting the postseason.

"The popular opinion is to make a change because we hit adversity," team president Ted Phillips said. "I get it. But holding people accountable is much more than just starting over. Other teams looking for new football leadership, they point to the ability to overcome adversity, the need to adapt to challenges, the need to have a collaborative working environment between the head coach and the general manager."

He said the Bears have the sort of "football culture all teams strive for." But they also have a 42-54 regular-season record with two playoff appearances and no postseason wins in Pace's six years. Nagy is 28-20 in three seasons.

"I get the frustration," Pace said. "Trust me, I understand. I get it – 8-8, it's not good enough."

The Bears have just six playoff appearances in the past 20 years and haven't won a postseason game since the 2010 team played for the NFC championship.

McCaskey said Pace and Nagy are "growing in their roles." But should that still be the case, particularly with Pace?

"As far as whether six years is the right amount of time for a general manager to grow into his position, I think it depends on the situation," McCaskey said. "I don't think there's any magic number. Like I said, we take the approach that the person's entire body of work is considered to decide whether the employment relationship should continue."

Pace staked his reputation on quarterback Mitchell Trubisky when he drafted him with the No. 2 overall pick in 2017 instead of Patrick Mahomes or Deshaun Watson. The decision remains a sore spot in Chicago.

The question is what Pace learned from that miscalculation as he tries again to find a quarterback.

"I get the question," he said before sidestepping it.

One difference this time is he'll be working with Nagy, who was an assistant in Kansas City when the Chiefs drafted Mahomes.

Pace didn't rule out trying to re-sign Trubisky, who has an expiring contract after the Bears declined their fifth-year option for 2021. "Everything's on the table," Pace said.

The same goes for possibly using the franchise tag on Allen Robinson. The star receiver expressed frustration that they were unable to agree to an extension.

"When I think about the list of things we need to talk about this offseason, obviously that's a big decision and a big part of it," Pace said. "You know how we feel about Allen, how respected he is in the building."

One person who won't be back is defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano. He is retiring after two years in Chicago and more than three-and-a-half decades coaching at the college and NFL levels.

"I'm excited to start this new chapter of my life and can't wait to be able to spend more time with my family," he said in a statement. "This has been an amazing ride and I have made countless relationships that I will cherish forever."

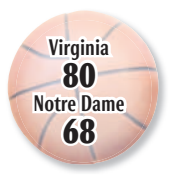
The 60-year-old Pagano has coached at the college and NFL level since 1984. He was Indianapolis' head coach from 2012 to 2017, leading the Colts to a 53-43 record and two AFC South championships.

He spent a year consulting for the NFL before getting hired in Chicago, where he inherited one of the league's best defenses after Vic Fangio left to become Denver's coach.

Irish can't topple No. 18 Virginia

By HANK KURZ JR.
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Jay Huff scored 18 points and Sam Hauser had 15 points and nine rebounds Wednesday as No. 18 Virginia beat Notre Dame 80-68 for its fourth consecutive victory.



Huff, who is 7-foot-1, made a career-best four 3-pointers in the first half as Virginia (8-2, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) opened an 18-10 lead and built it to 37-25 by halftime.

All four of Huff's 3-pointer came from the top of the key.

"I would probably say that around that area, that's my favorite spot," Huff said. "I took a bunch of those back in my high school days. ... Plus that's kind of where they show up in the offense that we're running."

Huff also made a fierce drive for a basket after Notre Dame pulled within 66-56.

"That's kind of always going through our minds when teams go on a run," he said of the mindset to stop the run.

Cormac Ryan scored 16 and Trey Wertz 13 for the Fighting Irish (3-8, 0-5), who lost their fourth in a row and fell to 0-11 against Virginia in conference games. Nate Laszewski, who burned Virginia for 28 points in their first meeting, finished with 12.

Huff hit a pair of 3-pointers in the first 8 ½ minutes as Virginia took control right away and never let up. The Irish trailed 55-33 with 13 minutes left and used a 15-5 run to get within 66-56 with 5:41 to play, but Huff scored inside and Casey Morsell hit a 3-pointer.

"They made big jump shots in the first 10 minutes and we made none of our open ones and the game was kind of over after that," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

Morsell, who had only practiced twice after missing 10 days because of contact tracing, added 15 points and made all three of his 3-point tries.

"Coming off of a 10-day quarantine, that's really impressive to have the game that he did," Huff said. "... My guess is that he really missed being able to get out of his room."

Bennett was less than pleased that the Cavaliers let the Irish back in the game.

"I thought we drifted into some old habits defensively and that isn't going to cut it," he said.

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A Message from Palisades Site Vice President Darrell Corbin

On behalf of the nuclear professionals at Palisades Power Plant, I'd like to wish you a safe and healthy 2021.

In the fall of 2020, Palisades successfully completed its final refueling and maintenance outage. Entergy, the owner and operator of Palisades, invested more than $86.5 million during the outage to ensure Palisades continued safe, secure, and reliable operation until it permanently shuts down in the spring of 2022. Our 600 full-time skilled employees worked with approximately 800 supplemental workers to replace fuel in the reactor, as well as inspect and upgrade hundreds of pipes, pumps, electrical components, and other equipment.

Entergy takes the health, safety, and security of its employees, customers, communities, business partners, and facilities seriously. For this reason, Palisades took preventative measures necessary to keep employees, visiting outage contractors, and our community safe amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to a robust and successful on-site COVID mitigation plan, the company's efforts included paying for supplemental workers to stay individually in local hotel rooms, as well as purchasing daily meals to be delivered from area restaurants, all in order to further promote off-site social distancing. This mitigation effort alone amounted to Entergy spending more than $4.3 million in the local community, providing an added economic boost to the region. Meals that workers did not consume were donated to a local food bank.

When our employees aren't at work creating electricity for the area, many are giving generously of their time and money to help local causes. We will remain engaged with the community throughout continued operations and as we transition into decommissioning.

Entergy plans to sell Palisades to a subsidiary of the U.S.-based company Holtec International for purposes of accelerated decommissioning after the plant's permanent shutdown and reactor defueling in the spring of 2022. The transaction is subject to conditions of closing, including approval from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the license transfer. The NRC will continue to provide federal oversight of the facility throughout the decommissioning process.

Entergy's focus is on operating Palisades safely and reliably, and we will continue to make the necessary investments into the plant. Palisades remains ranked in the NRC's highest safety category, adheres to the most rigorous oversight, and is regarded by its peers as one of the top performing plants in the industry. This is all thanks to the nuclear professionals who work at Palisades. We are committed and focused on excellence and we will finish Palisades Proud.

Sincerely,

Darrell Corbin
Palisades Site Vice President

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 14

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (N)		The Chase (N) CC (DVS)		The Hustler (N) CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 B Positive	:01 Mom CC	:31 The Unicorn	:02 Star Trek: Discovery (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Mr. Mayor (N)	Superstore (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		Dateline NBC CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen (N) CC (DVS)		Call Me Kat (N)	Last Man Standing	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Frankie Drake Mysteries CC		Secrets of Westminster CC		All Creatures Great and Small	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Legacies Hope tries to save Josie. CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "Who Killed the Radio Star?"		Dateline "At Close Range" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Legacies Hope tries to save Josie. CC		The Drew Barrymore Show (N) CC	
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Amy learns a valuable lesson.		Highway to Heaven "A Song for Jason"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 Presents Critical		The First 48 "The Code" (N) CC		:01 Killer Cases (N) CC	
AMC	4:30 Gladiator	Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. CC					
Animal	Gold	Gold Rush		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC	
BET	6:33 ★ Waist Deep ('06)			★★★ Training Day ('01) CC			
Big Ten	Basket	Women's College Basketball Teams TBA.				Journey	Basket
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm (N) CC		Southern Charm (N) CC		Watch What	Southern Charm
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	★★ The Kingdom	★★ Pearl Harbor ('01, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. Best friends become fighter pilots and romantic rivals in 1941. CC					
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Apollo 13 ('95) Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton. CC					
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	6:00 BattleBots	BattleBots "Battle of the Undefeated" Valkyrie and Rotator square off. (N) CC				Street Outlaws: Mega Cash Days	
Disney	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Bunk'd
DIY	Galveston	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea
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ESPN	Women's College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Nov. 28, 2009.				College Basketball	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Detroit Red Wings.					Wings	Wings
Freefrm	6:00 The Devil Wears Prada ('06)			★★★ There's Something About Mary ('98, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon. CC			
FX	Neighbors 2	★ Baywatch ('17) Dwayne Johnson. Elite lifeguards must save the beach from a crime wave. CC					★ Baywatch
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf Sony Open in Hawaii, First Round. (N) CC						Central
Hallmark	Love on Ice ('17)	Love Takes Flight ('19, Romance) Nikki DeLoach, Jeff Hephner. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Flags-Fathers	★★★ The King of Staten Island ('20) Pete Davidson. An aimless slacker lives with his single mother.					:20 30 Coins
History	Swamp	Swamp People: Ser		Swamp People: Ser		:03 Mountain Men	
HGTV	Home	Flip.-America		Flip	Flip	Hunt Intl	Hunters
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles "Sister Sister" CC		Rizzoli & Isles "Fake It 'Til You Make It"		:03 Rizzoli & Isles "5:26" CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Revenge	Ridiculousness		Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	White Sox Rewind					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Substitute	★★ Ice Age: The Meltdown ('06)				Friends	Friends
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Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		Florida Man Murders A wealthy Miami couple disappears. CC			
Parmt	:00 ★★ Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05) Brad Pitt. CC					Hitman-Body	
Showtime	:20 ★★ Tommy Boy ('95) Chris Farley, David Spade. CC			★★★ National Lampoon's Animal House ('78, Comedy) John Belushi. CC			
Starz	Never Kissed	In The Long Run	:26 ★★ Brooklyn's Finest ('09, Crime Drama) Richard Gere, Don Cheadle. CC				Premium Rush ('12)
STZENC	:13 Slaughterhouse Rulez ('18, Comedy) Simon Pegg. CC			★★ Brightburn ('19) Elizabeth Banks, David Denman. CC			Spider-Man 2
SyFy	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen		★★★ The Goonies ('85) Sean Astin. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map. CC				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Go-Big Show A big ramp jump. (N) CC		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Inspector Gen.	★★★ The Old Maid ('39, Drama) Bette Davis. CC			:45 ★★★ Old Acquaintance ('43) Bette Davis. CC		
TMC	★★ Remember	★★★ John Grisham's The Rainmaker ('97) Matt Damon, Claire Danes. CC				:15 ★ Paranoia ('13) CC	
TNT	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers.					NBA Basketball	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures "Ashes of the Dead" (N)				UFO Witness (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	★★ Olympus Has Fallen ('13, Action) Gerard Butler. A disgraced agent must rescue the president.					
VH1	:00 ★★★ Creed ('15) Michael B. Jordan. CC					Romeo Must Die	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Son with new girlfriend grows more distant from his mother

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mom of three young adults, a daughter and two sons. The oldest recently married. My youngest is finishing his last two years of college out of state. Three months ago, he met a young lady.

I have tried constantly to be close with all my children, but the youngest has always kept me at bay. He expresses how different we are. Now that he has met this young lady, I think he's trying to push me further away and continue on with her and her mom. It makes me sad because no matter how hard I try to be a good mother and be present, it doesn't work. What do you suggest? – Sad Mom In Mississippi

DEAR MOM: Your son is pursuing not only this young lady, but also his independence, which is normal for someone his age, and he may need to separate from you for a while. Back off for now and allow him some space. Whether this college romance will pan out is anyone's guess, so calm down. If possible, concentrate on things other than your empty nest. However, if you are unable to do that, ask your physician or your insurance company to refer you to a licensed psychotherapist to help you get through this.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my schnauzer to diabetes five months ago. He was my best and, really, only friend. I can't get over the guilt for having to euthanize him. I hate myself. I have cried every day since because I feel like I let him down. I have never had to go through this before. It was so traumatic I just can't get over it. Why is this so hard? – Beyond Grief In Utah

DEAR BEYOND GRIEF: You have my sympathy. If your dog was suffering and your veterinarian told you the time had come for him to go, you did the right thing. Our beloved pets should run and play rather than suffer. This is so painful because you loved your cherished family member and feel you should have saved him, which, of course, was beyond your power.

Every pet owner faces what you are experiencing when they leave their pet at the Rainbow Bridge. In time, your pain should lessen. But if it persists to the point that it interferes with the rest of your life, consult your veterinarian about joining a grief support group.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 49 years is fighting me left and right about finding someone to help around our house. He is stubborn. He has tunnel vision and a one-track mind, and he doesn't want anyone to assist him in anything. If I hire someone, he always has a negative comment about that person's workmanship.

He's retired after working 44 years and thinks life will wait for him to complete any task, even if it takes another 49 years. I need help with his "I can handle it" attitude while everything stays on hold until he can get to it. – Needs It Yesterday In Michigan

DEAR NEEDS IT: Give your husband a deadline to either finish a project or hire it done, making clear that if he doesn't do it, you will see it gets done. Then batten down the hatches and be prepared for him not to take the message gracefully.

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Her husband thinks she gets too stressed out over his mom's visits

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband's mother is coming to visit. I just found out she booked a hotel for her stay, which surprised me because she always stays with her children when she visits.

Hotels in our city are not cheap. I asked my husband why, and I'm horrified by his answer. He says I "stressed out" about her last visit for days beforehand, and he doesn't want to put me/himself through that again.

"Stressed out"???? He's referring to the fact that I put effort into cleaning, planning meals and preparing the linens. I don't think I gave off the impression that I didn't want her to come, and I would have done the same for any guest.

I think he's really just upset because I disrupted *his* week – he of course is more comfortable with her and cares less about things like giving guests a clean towel.

So what do I do now? Most of my communication with my mother-in-law is through him. I must look like an unwelcoming daughter-in-law and I'm sure her feelings are hurt. What is the least awkward way to repair the damage my husband has done? – Gah!

DEAR GAH!: 1. These are pre-pandemic questions to give us a preview of post-pandemic life. They are not encouragement to travel or host right now.

2. Ask your husband if he prefers to have his mother stay off-site. It could be that he used you as his excuse to steer her to a hotel. If so, then use this, in turn, as a good opportunity to discuss the marital politics of his throwing you under the bus without checking with you first.

3. If he wasn't using you in this way and actually likes having his mom stay with you, then call your mother-in-law – after notifying your husband of your intent – and say you and her son have a very different idea of "stressed out." Say he sees putting out fresh towels as stressful preparation when you see it as a staple of having (and not scaring off) guests, and you enjoy having her as a guest, so please come.

In other words, give him his turn at taking the fall. Good luck.

DEAR CAROLYN: My mother is very old and old-school. My family is fine using their best behavior for the length of a dinner, but with longer visits that doesn't work. We are a family who thinks farting is hysterical. She does not. That's kind of it, in a nutshell.

She is a quiet, helpful person, who thinks of herself as a low-maintenance guest, which is mostly true, but my husband and children chafe at her formal, old-fashioned ways. When she visits, everyone in my family makes themselves scarce and people are much shorter-tempered.

I can't deal with that for the 10 days she's planning to visit. I do want her to come, but not for as long. I need to tell her some semblance of the truth. Suggestions? – Best Behavior

DEAR BEST BEHAVIOR: Why don't you just tell her your family is an unruly, farting mob and can't maintain their best Grandma-friendly behavior for a full 10 days?

You love her. Say so. And want her to feel welcome. So it's well-behaved visits of a few days or full-on Wild Kingdom for 10.

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28 Q-Tip
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31 Baby's bed
33 Means of hearing
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38 Diner order
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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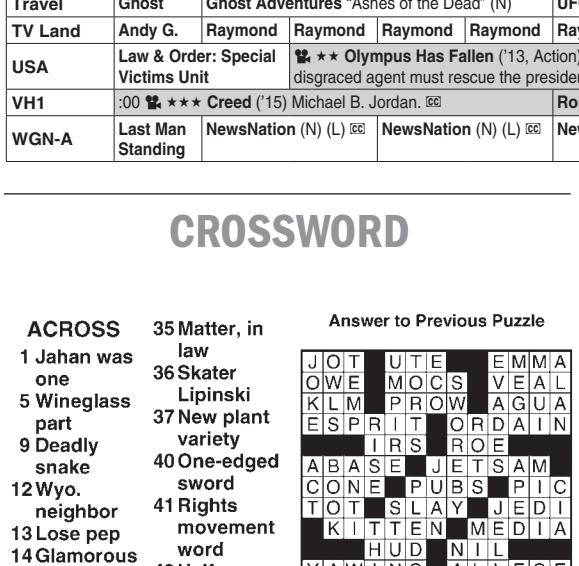

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GRFOO

LOSIPH

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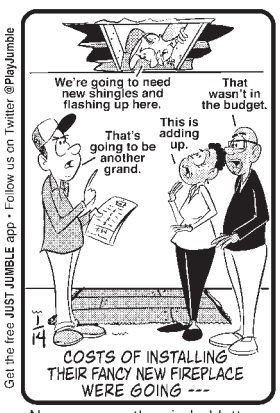
We're going to need new shingles and flashing up here.
That wasn't in the budget.
That's going to be another grand.
This is adding up.
COSTS OF INSTALLING THEIR FANCY NEW FIREPLACE WERE GOING ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CIGAR FAITH WISELY OUTWIT
Answer: The new downtown cardiology center was built in the — HEART OF THE CITY

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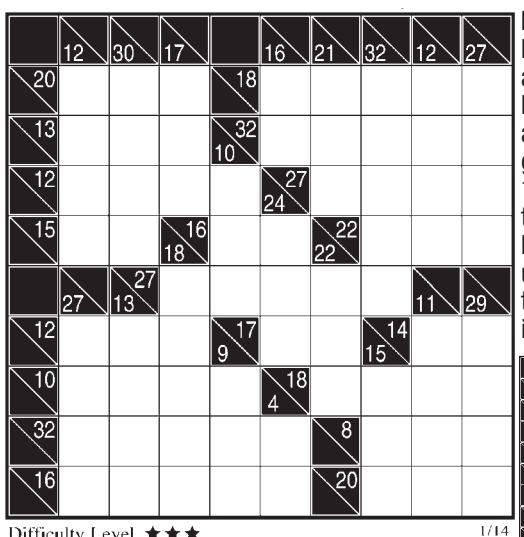
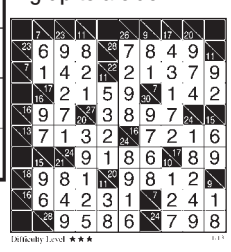
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/14



BRIDGE

John Burroughs, who was a naturalist, opined: "The lure of the distant and the difficult is deceptive. The great opportunity is where you are."

Today's deal does not look so difficult as long as West finds the best opening lead, but it proved deceptive at Bridge Base Online. Only one pair defeated four hearts, and 14 failed. How did the pair succeed after West led the club four?

South's three-spade rebid was a splinter, but it was a waste of time. For a slam to be makeable, North needed to have three first-round controls, which was impossible for a single raise. Why give the defenders free information? Given that, though, South still had a choice. He could have jumped straight to four hearts. That would have been fine if everyone passed. But what if West competed with four spades? Should South double or bid five hearts? He would not be sure. So he should show his club suit, then leave the decision to his partner. I would rebid four clubs to announce at least 5-5 in the rounded suits. I think this length-showing rebid is much more useful than a splinter.

East took the first trick with his club ace and returned the club three, a suit-preference signal for diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's 10 and played a trump to his king, but West took the trick and shifted, as requested, to a diamond. East won with his other ace and gave his partner a club ruff to defeat the contract. West just needed a heart higher than dummy's seven.

North 01-14-21
♠ A K 8 6
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ 10 6

West
♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ A 9 8 6
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 4 2

East
♠ Q J 5 4
♥ 3
♦ A J 9 4
♣ A 9 8 3

South
♠ 10
♥ K Q J 10 4
♦ K Q
♣ K Q J 7 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dbl.
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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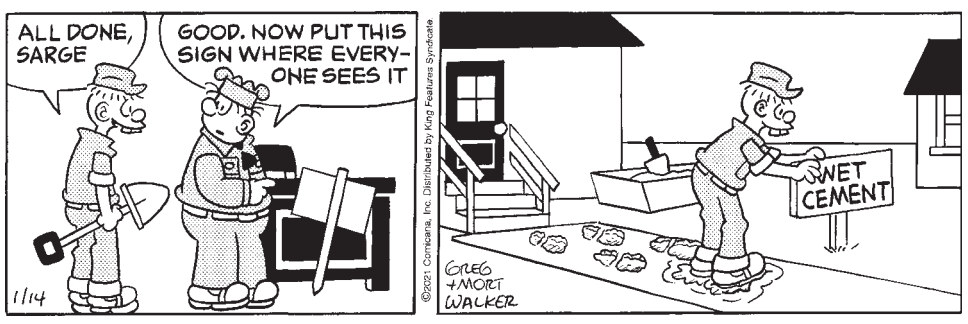
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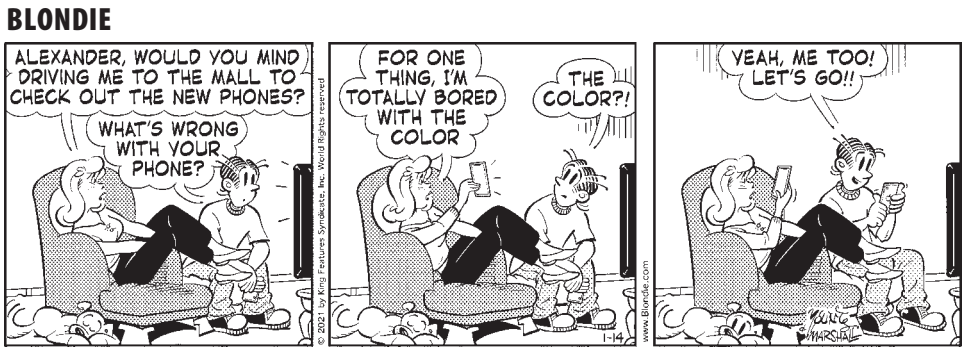
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR PHONE?
FOR ONE THING, I'M TOTALLY BORED WITH THE COLOR
THE COLOR?!
YEAH, ME TOO! LET'S GO!!
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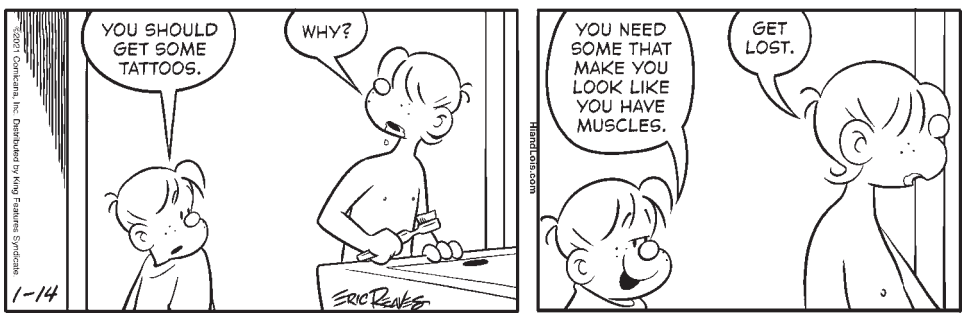

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YOU KNOW, NELSON, YOU'RE MY FAVORITE GRANDSON.
BUT I'M YOUR ONLY GRANDSON, AREN'T I?
YES INDEED.
IF YOU HAD OTHER GRANDSONS WOULD YOU TELL THEM ALL THAT THEY WERE YOUR FAVORITE?
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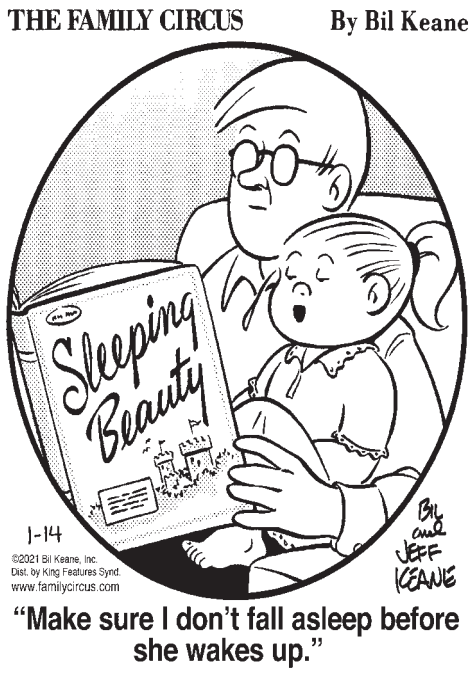

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

WHAT DO YOU THINK, BOB?
IT LOOKS LIKE JUST A DAMAGED TENDON.
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YOU'LL WEAR A WALKING BOOT FOR A WEEK, AND IF IT'S NOT BETTER, WE'LL DO AN M.R.I.
OR WE CAN SKIP ALL THAT AND JUST PUT YOU DOWN.
I DON'T THINK MY INSURANCE WILL COVER IT.
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CURTIS

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAS THE ABSOLUTE WORST DRIVERS!
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THAT'S A SOMEWHAT BROAD STATEMENT, CURTIS
WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE TO BACK IT UP?
THE GUYS WORKING AT THE GARAGE ARE WEARING GIORGIO ARMANI SUITS

ZITS

OUR BAND GOT A BAD REVIEW FROM A MUSIC CRITIC.
OUCH.
AND SO NOW YOU'LL WORK EXTRA-HARD TO IMPROVE, AND MAKE HIM EAT HIS WORDS!
ACTUALLY, WE WERE GOING TO MAKE HIM EAT PARKING LOT SNOW.
IT'S A CLEARER MESSAGE.
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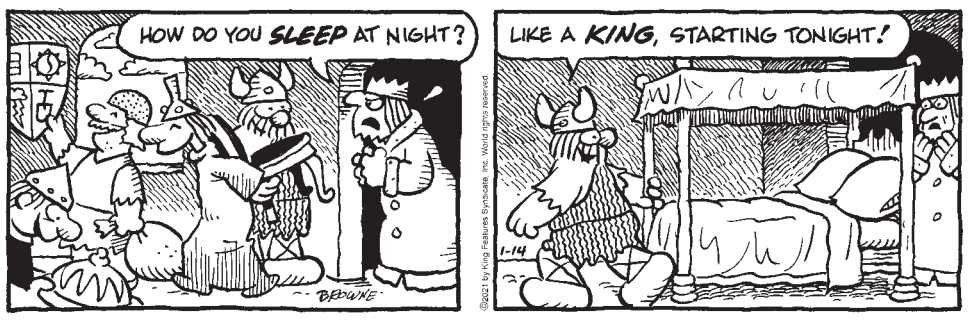

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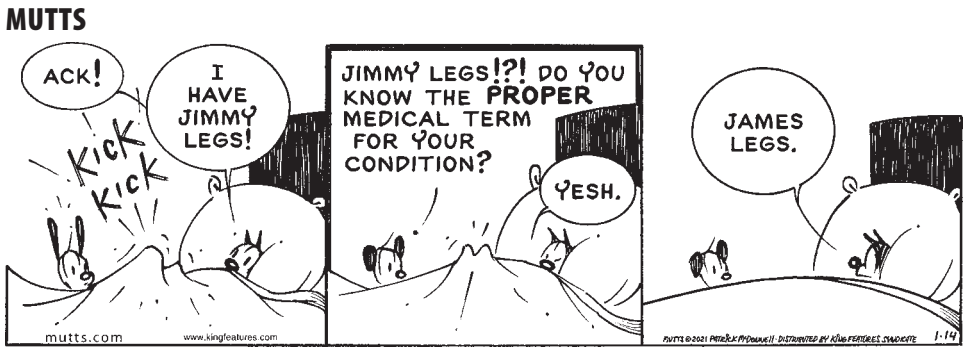

SALLY FORTH

I LOVE YOU, TED. AND I LOVE BEING WITH YOU. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S HEALTHY FOR US TO ALWAYS BE AROUND EACH OTHER.
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I KNOW, I KNOW.
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?
KEEFE
ANYTHING ELSE!
SEE, THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN IF WE SPOKE IN THE LANGUAGE I MADE UP.

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THIS WEEKEND'S ISSUE

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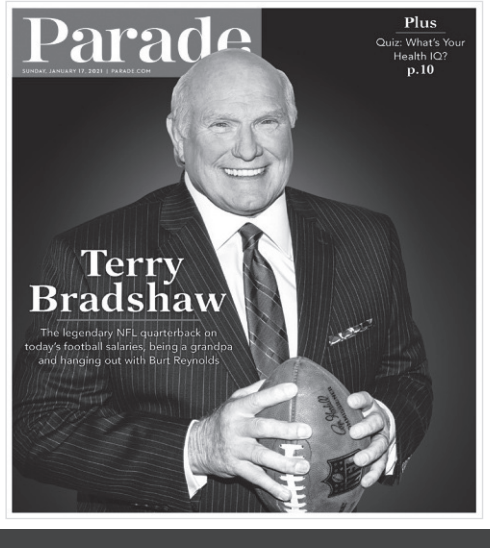
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Quiz: What's Your Health IQ?
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Terry Bradshaw
The legendary NFL quarterback on today's football salaries, being a grandpa and hanging out with Burt Reynolds

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Be creative, and you'll develop an interesting way to make your home conducive to your lifestyle. Designate areas to work and play that will keep you and anyone you share space with content. Work to fulfill your dreams and maintain physical and emotional strength. Romance is favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An unexpected change will result if you have trouble making up your mind or you let your emotions take charge. Consider what you can do to ease stress and keep a loved one happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep busy and do something constructive, and you'll avoid getting into a spat. Someone is likely to overreact or start something that could spin out of control.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone will give you the wrong impression. Don't believe everything you hear. Check facts, and you'll discover the best way to handle a change of plans. Put your energy where it will count the most.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use your knowledge and insight to overcome adversity. Use discretion, and be clear and factual in your response to others' ideas. Don't give in to demands; just do what you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Not everyone will share your concerns or beliefs. Be open to suggestions, and use the information you get to assemble your thoughts and plans. If you want something done, be prepared to do the work yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Research, gather facts and proceed alone if necessary. Refuse to get involved in a scheme that sounds too good to be true. Say no to manipulative individuals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stick to creative projects and people you can trust to be honest with you. A change can be favorable if it doesn't entail joint endeavors or shared expenses. Don't take any risks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be confused by the changes someone makes. Adjust and keep heading in a direction that will benefit you. Use your charm and physical attributes to get what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Invest more time and energy into your home and family. Set up schedules and projects that will help bring you closer to the people you love. Don't disregard someone's feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Less talk and more action will avert opposition. Take a disciplined approach to the way you deal with friends and family, and you will persuade everyone to pitch in and help. Don't go over budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An unanticipated change will leave you in a vulnerable position. A friend, relative or colleague will let you down or lead you astray. Take a moment to collect your thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An opportunity to change direction will entice you, but before you jump from one thing to another, consider the consequences. If uncertainty is apparent, rethink your strategy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION

TO: Property owners of Benton Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, and other interested parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Benton Charter Township Planning Commission, Berrien County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Benton Charter Township Hall, 1725 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, to consider the following actions:

1. Richard Plangger, 616 E Marquette Woods Rd, St Joseph, MI; Owner; seeks special use permit approval to grow and process Medical Marijuana at his building at 1034 Territorial Road. The 3 adjacent parcels are located in the E – Restricted Industrial zoning district. 11- 03-0810-0042-01-1; -0810-0048-00-1; -0810-0050-00-5) (public hearing).

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that you are invited to attend the hearing and present your opinions or position relative to the subject of this hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may send a letter stating your opinions or positions to the Planning Commission, Benton Charter Township, 1725 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Attention: Zoning Administrator.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during normal business hours Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
If you are of need of handicapped access to this hearing, be advised you needs are provided for. If you wish special assistance, please contact us prior to the hearing.
Chris Fuchs
Building Official and Zoning Administrator

Dated January 11, 2021

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

LEGALS

LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

FILE NO. 2020-0203-DE-R

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Decedent's Estate

Estate of: Gertrude Ellen Rea
Date of Birth: 07/28/1934

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Gertrude Ellen Rea, died 09/19/2019.

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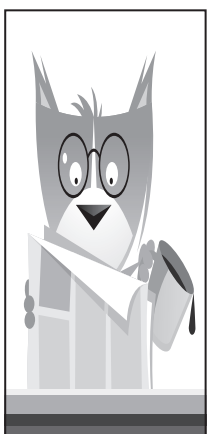

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Upcoming mobile food pantry dates

By HP STAFF

The Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry will make a number of stops in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties during the next month, including:

- 3 p.m. Monday, Benton Harbor Fire Department, 200 E. Wall St., Benton Harbor.
- 3 p.m. Tuesday, Hope Community Church, 2390 Lake St., Niles.
- 4 p.m. Wednesday, Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville.
- 3 p.m. Jan. 21, American Legion, 204 W. Linden St., Three Oaks.
- 3 p.m. Jan. 22, Niles First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main St., Niles.
- 4 p.m. Jan. 27, North Berrien Fire Rescue Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma.
- 1:30 p.m. Jan. 28, Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Center, 619 Main St., St. Joseph.
- 3:30 p.m. Feb. 2, Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer.
- 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3, Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Road, Bridgman.
- 4 p.m. Feb. 4, Hartford United Methodist Church, 425 E. Main St., Hartford.
- 4 p.m. Feb. 12, Eau Claire Fire Department, 6265 W. Main St., Eau Claire.

Mobile pantries deliver fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

The Mobile Food Pantry is currently drive-thru only. Attendees should ensure there is a space in the back of their vehicle for volunteers to load food.

To volunteer to help distribute food, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

For a complete list of Mobile Food Pantry stops, which are subject to change, visit www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule.

Photo provided

Pictured, from left, with the Paw Paw Lions Club's new electronic sign monument are Lions Mike Hartman and Mike Hartman Sr., Boy Scouts Troop 169 Scoutmaster Scott Anderson, Life Scout Tommy Coles, Eagle Scout Michael Hartman, Life Scout Matthew Hartman, and Lions Joy Hartman, Rob Courter and Don Brown.

Hartman achieves Eagle Scout status

PAW PAW — A Paw Paw Boy Scout has earned his Eagle Scout status and helped the Paw Paw Lions Club at the same time.

Michael Hartman, a member of Boy Scouts Troop 169, came up with the idea for an electronic monument sign for the Lions Club in June 2019.

"I felt that the Paw Paw Lions Club ... needed a better way to advertise the charitable works it sponsors," said Hartman, who envisioned a 10-by-12-foot brick and electronic sign display.

He planned to raise funds for the project through a spaghetti benefit, a tiered donor package and by selling grape pies.

When his Eagle project paperwork was signed in December 2019, the project was underway. He met with businesses, individuals, Lions Club members, friends, community leaders and other service organizations.

"I soon found out what a charitable community I have been blessed to live in," Hartman said.

However, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, he was forced to cancel the benefit dinner and find other funding.

Ground was broken on the project in June, with a footing poured in July. Next, trenches for the electrical wiring needed to be dug.

"I had four Scouts helping in 98 degree weather. My brother, Matthew, a Life rank Scout, was working two days after his wisdom teeth were removed. We worked for eight hours digging in an old road bed. ... Next, the blocks were laid. Then, it was time for the brick," Hartman said.

But then, he learned his bricklayer could no longer donate the labor. So he and his mother drove to homes of people they were told were bricklayers. They were eventually led to James Brylowski, a representative for Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 2 Michigan, who said the union does several service projects a year.

"I was stunned," Hartman said. "That one act of kindness saved me thousands of dollars and kept my project moving forward."

In October, Howard Hipes, a bricklayer instructor, and Zack Overton, a bricklayer's apprentice, completed the brickwork. They spent more than a week on the sign.

The electronic portion of the sign was installed at the end of October. Ground was leveled, top soil brought in, and grass seed and straw laid after Thanksgiving.

Hartman said at one point in the project, he had eight Scouts from Troop 169 working. One Scout, Tommy Coles, and Hartman's brother, Matthew, were there every time he needed help.

Hartman's project included 1,500 service hours. He said, by comparison, most Eagle projects average 150 service hours. Hartman was told the electronic sign accounted for half of the donations received by the Paw Paw Lions Club for its Community Christmas Baskets program.

IN BRIEF

Library to host Zoom meet-up with author

BRIDGMAN — At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Bridgman Public Library will host a Zoom book presentation with Marney Rich Keenan, the author of "The Snow Killings: Inside the Oakland County Child Killer Investigation."

She will explain the facts on the unsolved kidnapping and murder of four children from affluent Detroit suburbs in 1976-77.

The Zoom link to the event is available on the library's website, www.bridgmanlibrary.com.

For more info, call 465-3663.

Museum announces snowman contest

COLOMA — The North Berrien Historical Museum is encouraging children of all ages to build a snowman and enter the "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" kids contest.

Participants will need snow, snowman accessories, a camera to take pictures of their creations, and the ability to email their images to info@northberrienhistory.org by Feb. 4. The email should include the contestant's name and age.

Only one entry per contestant will be allowed.

Facebook voting will run from 1 p.m. Feb. 8 to 1 p.m. Feb. 15 on the museum's Facebook page. Results will be announced on the museum's page on Feb. 17.

Awards, determined by "likes," will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Bonus "likes" will be awarded if the entry incorporates any of the following: 1) Two bonus "likes" if the snowman is named after a historical figure. 2) Three additional bonus "likes" if the historical figure is from Berrien County. 3) Two additional bonus "likes" if the entry includes the reason why this historical figure was chosen. 4) Five additional bonus "likes" if the snowman's accessories represent this historical figure.

Photo provided

We Care Inc. Executive Director Erika Morrison accepts a check for $4,100 from South Haven Rotarians Tom Rummel and Bill Roberts.

SH Rotarians donate to We Care Inc. again

SOUTH HAVEN — The COVID-19 pandemic prevented South Haven Rotarians from holding their annual in-person holiday dinner this year, but it didn't put a lid on the Rotarian's generous hearts, according to a news release.

A tradition at the holiday dinner has been to take a collection for the community outreach programs of We Care Inc. This year, during their weekly remote Zoom meetings, members were encouraged to continue their generosity.

The Rotarians responded with gifts of $4,100 designated for We Care's food and personal care pantries.

It's the second significant gift to We Care from the South Haven Rotarians during the current crisis, according to the release. Earlier, the club presented $6,250 representing member's gifts and a grant from Rotary District 6360 Foundation and Rotary International Foundation for We Care's personal care pantry and utilities ministry.

ON CAMPUS

Dean's list

The following area students have been named to a college or university's dean's list.

Alma College
Alma, Mich.

Berrien Center – Rebecca Spenner
Bridgman – Logan Peters
Decatur – James Hoekstra
Niles – Gary Carter
St. Joseph – Kali Prillwitz
South Haven – Brenna Smith
Watervliet – Skylar Crisenbery

DePauw University
Greencastle, Ind.

St. Joseph – Alexander Taylor
Stevensville – Alicia Delgado

Ripon College
Ripon, Wis.

Niles – Mitchell Nagy

Trine University
Angola, Ind.

Cassopolis – Brayden Curtis
Niles – Alexis Clark
St. Joseph – Joseph Fiorucci
Stevensville – Samantha Weaver

2021 BCF scholarship applications now available

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien Community Foundation has announced 2021 scholarship applications are available now through March 5.

Last year, BCF awarded almost $250,000 in scholarships, and has added three new opportunities for students this year.

"Thanks to our generous donors, the BCF scholarship program is growing and allowing us to help more and more students get the education they need to pursue their dreams," BCF President Lisa Cripps-Downey said in a news release.

The three new scholarships will provide opportunities for high school seniors and adults seeking higher education:

- The Marion and Dan Crossman Scholarship is open to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph high school students going into the field of education.
- The June Rollinger Family Scholarship was established to provide educational opportunities for Berrien County high school students, or adult residents returning to school after a gap of time, who are going into a health-related field.
- The Coach U Scholarship was established to encourage success in furthering education for a Benton Harbor High School senior who also participated in sports during their time at BHHS.

"Anyone looking to go to college or vocational training should check out what we have to offer," BCF Program Manager Susan Matheny said. "We have scholarships for just about any need, whether you are a graduating high school senior or an adult who is returning after a gap in time."

For a full list of scholarships, and links to other local scholarships, visit www.berriencommunity.org/scholar.

Applications can be downloaded from the website, or students can check with their counselors for applications.

Decisions will be announced in early May.

For more information, visit www.berriencommunity.org, email susanmatheny@berriencommunity.org or call 983-3304.

Niles Scream Park scholarship applications now available

NILES — Niles Scream Park announced this week that applications for its scholarships are now available from high school guidance counselors.

The Niles Haunted House Board of Directors will award four $500 scholarships to three seniors at Niles High School and one senior at the Brandywine High School. A fifth scholarship will be awarded to a senior at Brandywine, Buchanan, Dowagiac Union, Edwardsburg, Lakeshore or Niles High School.

A $500 scholarship in memory of William F. Alford Jr. will be awarded to a Niles senior. Preference will be given to students pursuing an education in business. Other criteria includes community service, economic need and academic merit.

Scholarships of $500 will be awarded in memory of Lou Milley to a Niles senior, and in memory of John Carlson to a Brandywine senior. The scholarships will be awarded based on community service, economic need and academic merit.

The Lou Milley scholarship gives preferential treatment to applicants who have a background in graphic arts or plan on majoring in this area.

Another $500 scholarship is in memory of longtime volunteer Gottlieb "Chris" Christ. It's open to Niles seniors, and will be awarded based on the same criteria listed above.

The $500 Keith Shurte Memorial Scholarship is open to seniors from Niles, Brandywine, Lakeshore, Buchanan, Edwardsburg and Dowagiac Union high schools. Applicants must have completed at least 50 hours of volunteer work at the scream park in the previous two years, demonstrated academic success and must be attending a secondary college, university or trade school in the next academic year.